

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Test

THE one concrete development which has so far emerged from the Bermuda conference is agreement on the Big Three reply to the Soviet offer to join in Four-Power talks. This, of course, was a relatively easy decision to reach, merely requiring careful consideration of the precise phraseology of the note. Wilyly the Big Three leaders have decided to inject no pre-conditions, the assumption, if not the hope, being that Russia is prepared to meet the Allies' off-expressed desire to tackle urgent European questions which may, in turn, lead to exploring wider international problems. It would be foolish, however, to anticipate spectacularly rapid agreement on any points likely to be raised at the proposed Berlin conference. Russia has already very broadly hinted that she will try to make an issue out of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Defence Community—the latter being especially obnoxious to the Kremlin. The early stages of the Big Four conference are almost certain to be featured by a Soviet display of polemics, and the talks may even break down before they can really get started. Any attempt by the Soviets to have China brought into the discussions relating to Europe will be implacably resisted by the Western allies; so too will any endeavour to have NATO and EDC placed on the agenda for debate. But while the prospects for a successful Four-Power conference cannot be considered notably bright, the occasion will offer itself as yet another test of Russian sincerity, both in motives and intentions. It has been the United States argument that Russia is unwilling to give any positive signs of wanting to ease her international relations with the Western world, and it must be admitted that her offer to take part in Four-Power talks cannot, at this time, be rated higher than a gesture. But if the conference materialises, Russia will then be placed in a position where she either has to give substance to the gesture, or confirm American suspicions of her integrity. She is no longer able to pull wool over the eyes of the rest of the world.

BIG THREE PARLEYS

NEARING END Reported Indo-China Mission Project

KOREA: FRANCE, BRITAIN SEEK ASSURANCES

Bermuda, Dec. 7. The Big Three neared the end of their first postwar meeting tonight with the United States reported ready to send a military mission to Indo-China to help train the Vietnamese Army fighting the Communists.

Official reports on the last-minute series of top-level meetings among President Eisenhower, Premier Joseph Laniel of France and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain were not expected until the end of the final session, starting at 10 p.m. (10 a.m., Tues. HKT).

But authoritative sources told of Franco-American negotiations on Indo-China and of a United States offer for the "integration of atomic weapons into the North Atlantic alliance" as a means of bolstering European defences.

However, it was understood most of the final day of the four-day conference was devoted to Far Eastern problems, including the establishment of an ironclad Korean peace. This was discussed in a two-hour 20-minute mid-day meeting.

The Big Three, with the Foreign Ministers present, met from 5 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. tonight and then recessed for dinner. The final session was scheduled for 10 p.m.—United Press.

REQUEST TO US

Bermuda, Dec. 7. The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, supported by the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, today asked President Eisenhower to keep America's allies in the United Nations Command in Korea informed in advance of any new plans in the event of a breakdown in the Korean political conference. It was revealed here after the Big Three this morning had dealt with Far Eastern problems at a two-hour meeting.

The Prime Minister's request was understood to have followed a denunciation by President Eisenhower of what he described as the dilatory tactics of the Communists at the current Panmunjom talks. Sir Winston "it was stated" had immediately asked the President to keep Britain, France and the other allies in Korea informed of any new developments and of new plans in order to avoid any spectacular moves over the Korean situation.

A British proposal for free all-Korean elections was handed over to experts to study, it was revealed. Commercial relations with Communist China also played a part in this morning's Far Eastern talks and this question

was also handed over to experts to study.

At this morning's meeting, Far Eastern experts of the British, American and French governments were present for consultations. Representing the Foreign Office was Mr. W. D. Allen. Mr. Walter Robertson, American Assistant Secretary of State and Far Eastern expert, accompanied the President. France was represented by the Director of Far Eastern Affairs at the French Foreign Ministry, M. Jacques Roux.

GENERAL SITUATION
The meeting of the Big Three was confined to a study of the general situation in the Far East, with a more detailed examination of particular questions left for discussion by experts and by the foreign ministers of the three powers, well-informed sources said.

Taking the initiative at the talks, the British Prime Minister was reported to have urged the policy of lessening international tension, which he favoured in Europe, should be applied in the Far East, especially in connection with Western policy towards Communist China. President Eisenhower, however, was reported to have urged the policy of lessening international tension, which he favoured in Europe, should be applied in the Far East, especially in connection with Western policy towards Communist China.

The Indo-China situation, it was stated, was briefly examined by M. Bidault and was due to be discussed by experts in the afternoon. The American spokesman, Mr. James Hagerty, after the conference this morning, revealed that the vast question of the general discussion of the Big Three during their two-hour meeting but that this problem had also been brought up in parallel talks all through the conference—at lunches, dinners and other functions where conversations could be held in an informal atmosphere.

EDC TALKS END
The British spokesman, Mr. d'Arcy Edmondson, said that the talks on the European Defence Community had been concluded and had not been brought up at this morning's conference. Mr. Edmondson added that the comments of the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, on the text of the Western reply to the Soviet note on a four-power conference in Berlin had not yet reached Bermuda but that the three delegations were hoping to receive a communication from Dr. Adenauer today.

The British spokesman said he could not give an indication when the final communiqué on the Bermuda conference would be published. This afternoon, the three Western leaders were discussing Middle East questions and the talks were expected to continue until the evening. President Eisenhower, who was working on his scheduled speech on atomic matters to be delivered before the United Nations General Assembly, will

leave Bermuda by air tomorrow between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., GMT direct for La Guardia airport in New York.

After addressing the General Assembly, the President will be the guest of the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, at a reception before flying back to Washington the same evening.—France-Press.

AGAINST TIME

London, Dec. 7. The Big Three were talking against time tonight in an all-out drive to end their Bermuda discussion of world problems without having to call another meeting tomorrow.

The first concrete result of the conference is a note to be despatched to Moscow tomorrow which, it is understood, accepts Russia's proposal for four-power talks in Berlin.

Bonn reports tonight said the note, approved "without reservation" by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, will suggest the first week in January for the Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting with Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov.

Sources in the West German capital, to which the draft text was sent from Bermuda as a matter of routine, said the note is a short, one-paragraph long—and suggests that the Big Four talks should deal with European security, including that of Germany.

It upholds the European Defence Community and rejects Russian charges that the Bonn contribution is anything but offensive, the Bonn sources said.

They added that the meeting would probably be held in the Allied Control Council Building in the American zone of Berlin. A source close to Dr. Adenauer's Cabinet called it a "good note".

In Paris tonight there was relief at the Western decision to meet Russia, and the Bermuda talks were described as "Churchill's conference" because of the British Prime Minister's eagerness for a Big Four get-together. At Bermuda talks headquarters the only French reservation, it was learned, was a preference for a date after January 17 for the conference with Russia.

But French statements were said not to be "particularly hostile" to a meeting earlier next month.—Reuters.

Subjects Taboo

New York, Dec. 7. Britain today declined to discuss Central African Federation, the anti-Mau Mau campaign in Kenya and the deposition of the Kabaka of Buganda. These matters were raised by India in the 60-nation Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. The British delegate, Mr. W. A. Mathison, told the Committee that these matters were outside its work. No further discussion took place and the Committee completed its work for the present session.—Reuters.

Iron Curtain Escapees



BIG FOUR MEETING, JANUARY 4

Washington, Dec. 7. The Western "Big Three" will propose to Russia that the four-Power Foreign Ministers meeting in Berlin should be on January 4, diplomatic sources here reported today.

President Eisenhower is said to have agreed on this date with Sir Winston Churchill and M. Joseph Laniel at Bermuda. Before the Bermuda conference began, Western diplomats thought the "Big Four" talks might be in late January—mainly because of the French political situation, with the inauguration of a new President on January 17.

The proposal of January 4 reflected American determination to get the Foreign Ministers' meeting over as quickly as possible to allow France to approve six-nation European army long-range talks thereafter, the sources here said.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is reported to be working to prolong the Berlin conference indefinitely if the Russians should convert it into a forum for new propaganda moves against the West.—Reuters.

BIDAULT'S PLEA

Bermuda, Dec. 7. A usually reliable French source said President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill were today considering a French plea to support a move to obtain an extension of the Atlantic Pact to 50 years from its present life of 20 years.

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, made the request yesterday during the Big Three's talks on the European Defence Community.

M. Bidault said the extension of NATO, which now has 16 years to run before members are entitled to opt out, would help French ratification of the EDC treaty, which is for a 50-year term.

Mr. Eisenhower was non-committal yesterday. Both he and Sir Winston Churchill stressed the importance of obtaining a European army and did not suggest alternative ways of returning the West Germans, a source said. M. Bidault stressed the importance of keeping British and American troops in Europe and said the 12 German divisions planned under EDC should not be regarded as taking the place of the Anglo-American forces.—Reuters.

Two Albanian brothers, Thanassis Lazar Nicola and Christakis Lazar Nicola, working aboard the small motor ship 'Dinamo' in which they were to take supplies to coastguards near Avlona, aboard the 'Dinamo' was also 68-year-old Captain 'Vassili' Kotel and two young Albanian soldiers. The brothers 'doped' the Captain and the soldiers and set sail for Greece. They arrived next morning at the island of Corfu.—London Express.

Conspiracy Charge Against GI

Berlin, Dec. 7. An American soldier, Robert Blovens, will go on trial on Wednesday before the American Court in West Berlin on charges of conspiring with an East German organisation whose purpose is the overthrow by force of the United States Government, it was learned tonight.

He is also charged with having conspired with a German woman, Ingrid Jonek, to incite American soldiers to desert. Blovens is reported to have deserted his unit, stationed in Berlin, in April this year. He gave himself up later in the same month and was imprisoned pending trial for desertion, but he managed to escape on May 10.

He was re-arrested on August 20. An American Army court-martial said a psychiatric examination showed Blovens had full possession of his faculties.—France-Press.

Dean's New Offer

Panmunjom, Dec. 8. The United States special envoy, Mr. Arthur Dean, today offered the Communists a draft agreement for arranging a Korea conference and said he was authorised to sign it. Mr. Dean's offer came after his visit to Seoul yesterday and a conference with Mr. Syngman Rhee and the United States Ambassador to Korea, Mr. Ellis O. Briggs.

The offer was made at the question of prisoners refusing repatriation appeared to be becoming a new difficulty in the way of the preliminary talks here. The issue had looked like becoming an obstacle to an agreement as important as the existing difficulty of deciding the status the Soviet Union should assume at any Korea conference.—Reuters.

Inside Story Of Eisenhower's UN Speech

From RENE MacCOLL

Bermuda, Dec. 7. The inside story of the big speech—"The perils of the atom age in which we live"—which Mr Eisenhower is to deliver to the world from the United Nations headquarters in New York tomorrow is a story of the only real disagreement between Mr Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill.

When Sir Winston came to Bermuda he had no idea that such a gesture was in the minds of the President and his advisers.

When Mr Eisenhower showed Sir Winston the first draft of the speech he was "greatly upset". Thereafter, Churchill, with all the eloquence at his command, tried to persuade Eisenhower to forget the whole thing. Sir Winston took the line that the speech as first drafted would "profoundly shock the world", and he pointed out that since NATO forces in Europe are now in the process of being equipped with atomic artillery and other forms of atom weapons, the bluntness of Mr Eisenhower's speech might easily be construed as a threat.

But despite the vigour of Sir Winston Churchill's pleas, Mr Eisenhower remained quite "sold" on the idea of the speech. The idea is understood to have come from one of Mr Eisenhower's most highly prized advisers, C. D. Jackson, former magazine writer who has been high in the councils of the President since the start of the President's campaign last year. It was Jackson who produced the highly successful campaign promise—by Eisenhower that he would personally go at once to the Korean battlefield if he were elected President.

When he reluctantly saw his protests were in vain, Sir Winston Churchill set about using his influence to tone down the speech as far as possible. Mr Eisenhower had produced the maximum of "impact value" in his original text and the shock effect would have a bad and depressing result on world public opinion. People were already aware, he told Mr Eisenhower, of the potential horror of A and H bombs and needed no further reminder.

What they do need now is a sober and constructive approach to the problem of holding out reasonable hope that it can somehow be surmounted. Some of the more alarmist "angles" have now vanished from the counsel from Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Cherwell. It is understood that Mr Eisenhower intends to put forward a plan for international atomic control. But the experts—recalling Russian refusal to go along with an earlier scheme of the kind, the Baruch Plan of 1946—are waiting to see if he can produce a new approach which might be acceptable to the Soviets.—London Express Service.

Police officials estimate that some 10,000 persons are members of secret societies in Malaya. The outlaw societies are engaged in all forms of crime, especially extortion and protection rackets, police officers said.

A special new branch of the Malayan CID was created recently to deal with the secret society menace and police have entitled the present crackdown "Operation Tiger".

Arrests have been confined mainly to Kuala Lumpur, Telok On, Klang, Ipoh and Penang.—United Press.

SURPRISE FOR MAGISTRATE

Whakatane, New Zealand, Dec. 7. Two Whakatane magistrates adjourned the case of a drunken driver to see if they could start a car with a horseshoe nail. To their amazement, they could. But they still returned to court and fined Eros Leon Heleur of Hamilton, £10 and costs for driving under the influence of drink. Police had given as a proof of his condition that he had tried to start his car with a horseshoe nail.—China Mail Special.



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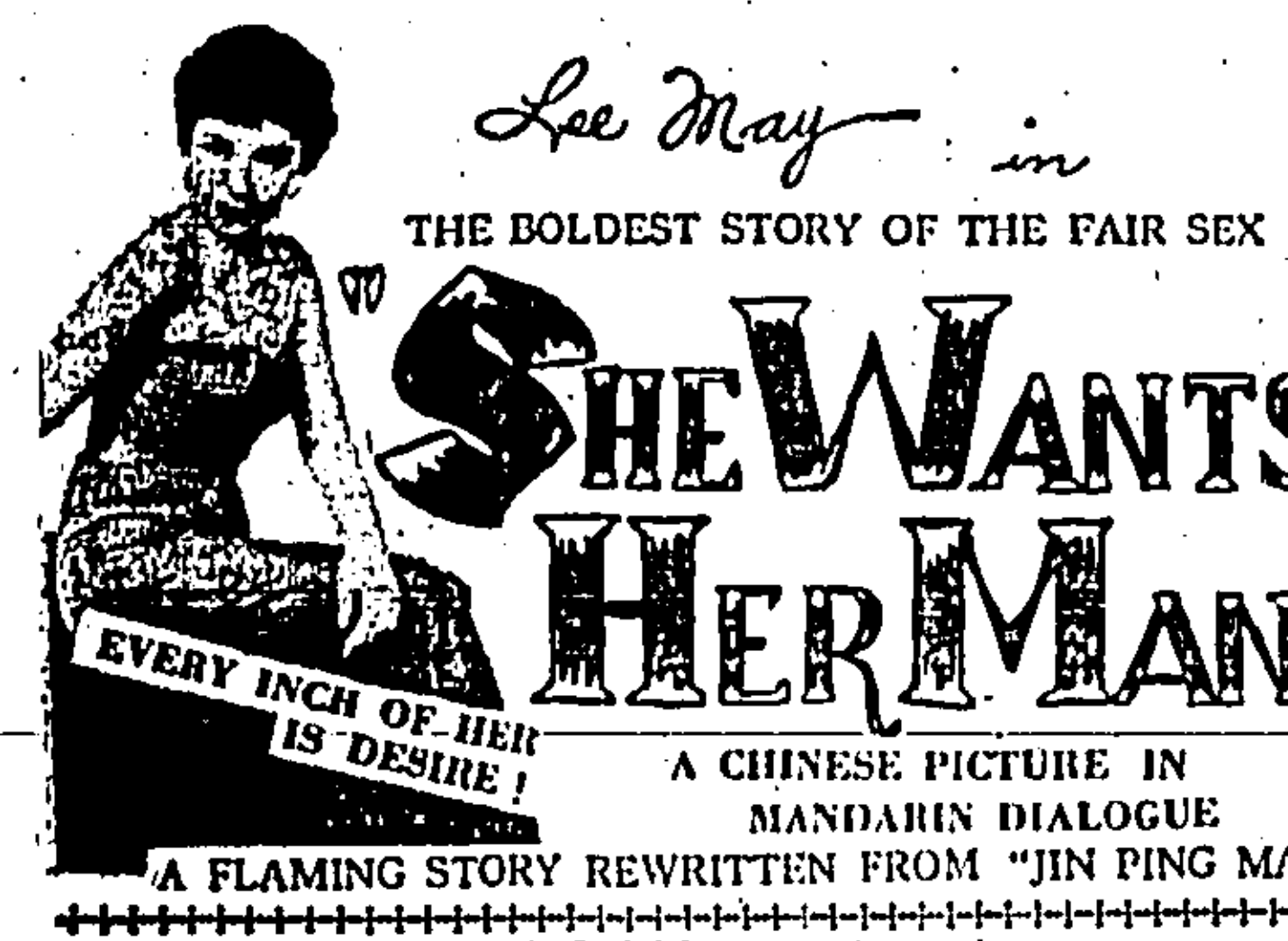
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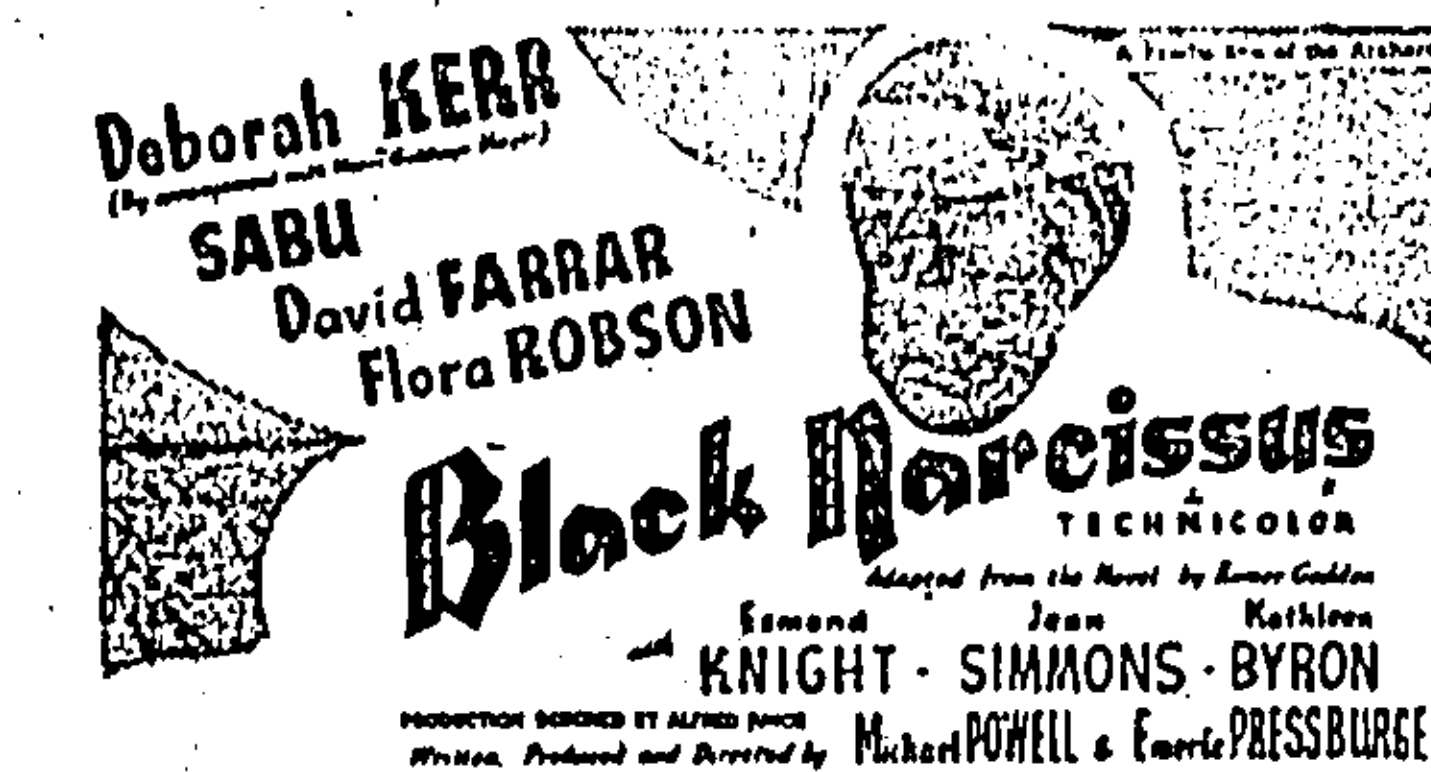


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M. LANIEL'S HEALTH

Welcome
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Tokyo, Dec. 7.
Professor Ikuro Ozama, who found haven from Japanese militarists in the United States during World War II, returned home today to a rousing Communist welcome from an Iron Curtain junket and urged Japan to establish diplomatic relations with Russia, Communist China and North Korea.

Ozama, who received the "Stalin Peace Prize" in Moscow and met Communist leaders in Peking and Pyongyang, told the welcoming party at the International Airport that the United States was "blocking" friendly Japanese relations with the governments of those three countries.

But he said they would welcome any friendly overtures from this country.

A crowd, estimated at 400, roared out the International Airport when the KLM plane bringing Ozama and his wife pulled up before the air terminal station.

Ozama, 72, a Professor of Political Science at Waseda University, fled to the United States in 1932 when he discovered a military plot on his life. He obtained a position at the North-Western University at Illinois and returned to Japan after the war.

A leader in left-wing activities during the post-war occupation, he was awarded the "Stalin peace prize" in 1952. He was barred by the Japanese Government from going to Moscow to accept it, but he received a passport this year on the pretence of attending an academic conference in Paris, and went to France in May, and to Sweden and Moscow.

Subsequently, he attended Communist gatherings in Eastern Europe, Peking and Pyongyang. Ozama said that the people of the Soviet Union, Communist China and North Korea were very appreciative of the anti-rearmament movement of the Japanese people. He said that the Soviet Union's great respect for the people of Japan could be seen from the recent repatriation of Japanese prisoners of war.—United Press.

ANZUS Meeting

Melbourne, Dec. 7.
United States, Australian and New Zealand naval chiefs will meet this week at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, to discuss defence problems, according to the Sun News Pictorial here today.

Australia will be represented by Vice Admiral Sir John Collins, America by Admiral Felix Stump and New Zealand by Commodore Sir Charles Madden.

The Sun quoted the Australian Navy Minister, Mr William McMahon, as saying the discussions would be a continuation of those held at Pearl Harbour in 1951.—Reuter.

Vietnam Premier Flies To Meet Emperor Bao Dai

Saigon, Dec. 7.
The Vietnamese Premier, Nguyen Van Tam, flew today to Emperor Bao Dai's mountain retreat at Ban Met Huot for urgent consultations on recent Communist peace-feelers as the military disclosed new Red attacks in Indo-China.

Nguyen, who returned here yesterday after attending the session of the French Union High Council session in Paris, was expected to discuss with Bao Dai the divided internal situation resulting from recent demands by North Vietnamese nationalists for a greater part in the government.

Political circles here said that both Bao Dai and Nguyen were worried about the nationalist attitude and the weakened front the country presented in the face of possible peace talks with the Communists.

These sources said that it was likely that Nguyen, who received a tumultuous welcome yesterday at the airport, would be invited by the Emperor to shift ministerial posts and bring more northern nationalists into a united front Government.

Nguyen was understood to have received guarantees from France during his recent visit promising that Vietnam would not be abandoned during possible peace talks with Ho Chi-minh, despite the strong French desire to achieve peace in Indo-China.

Both the independent-minded Emperor and his pro-French Premier were reported to be in complete agreement on the need for peace talks, which would be acceptable to Vietnam as well as France.

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Unable To Leave Bermuda Before Next Friday

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Scottish Isle For Sale

John O'Grady, Dec. 7.
The 150-acre Isle of Papa Stronsay, at the northeast corner of the Orkney Islands, the northernmost tip of Britain, is up for sale.

The tiny island, which has a lighthouse at its northern end, has a population of only 15—the lighthouse men and the former owner and his family.

It was once the site of a monastery—hence the prefix "Papa."

A few weeks ago, another Orkney Island, Graemsey, was sold to a retired dealer from Warwickshire.—China Mail Special.

Bartley Crum's Son Takes Own Life

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 7.
Mr Bartley Crum, internationally known attorney, said today that he could not understand why his son, Bartley Jr., took his own life at Reed College here.

The elder Crum told newsmen in San Francisco that Bartley Jr. was in the best of health and spirits when he saw him. "I can't understand this."

The body of the 18-year-old college boy was found yesterday by his classmate in his second floor room. He had been shot through the head by a .22 calibre rifle.

The Coroner's Office said that young Crum apparently took his own life.

A friend of the youth said that he had been "nervous and lonely" the past few days.

However, there were no notes indicating why he had taken his life.

Young Crum had been majoring in physics, his father said, and had attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before enrolling at Reed.

—United Press.

CANADIAN COD

United Nations, Dec. 7.
The Canadian Government announced today a contribution of 1,000 tons of Canadian salted cod value at \$300,000 to the United Nations Emergency Relief Programme in Korea.

The cod will be shipped to Korea from Halifax before the end of the year.

The relief programme is in addition to the long-range Korean reconstruction programme to which Canada has paid \$7,250,000.—United Press.

Sterling Purchase

Washington, Dec. 7.
The International Monetary Fund announced today that the Government of Japan had purchased from the Fund pounds sterling to the equivalent of US\$12,000,000. In September and November of this year Japan purchased £10,000,000 from the Fund.—United Press.

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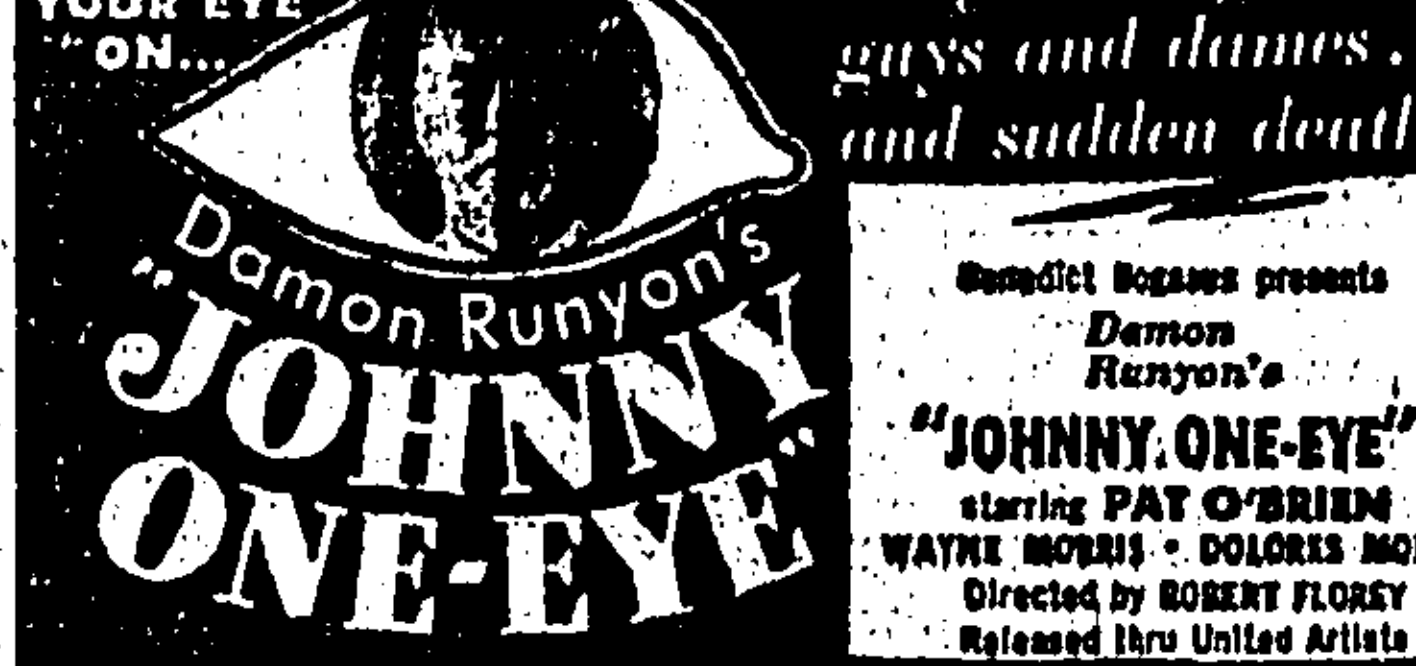
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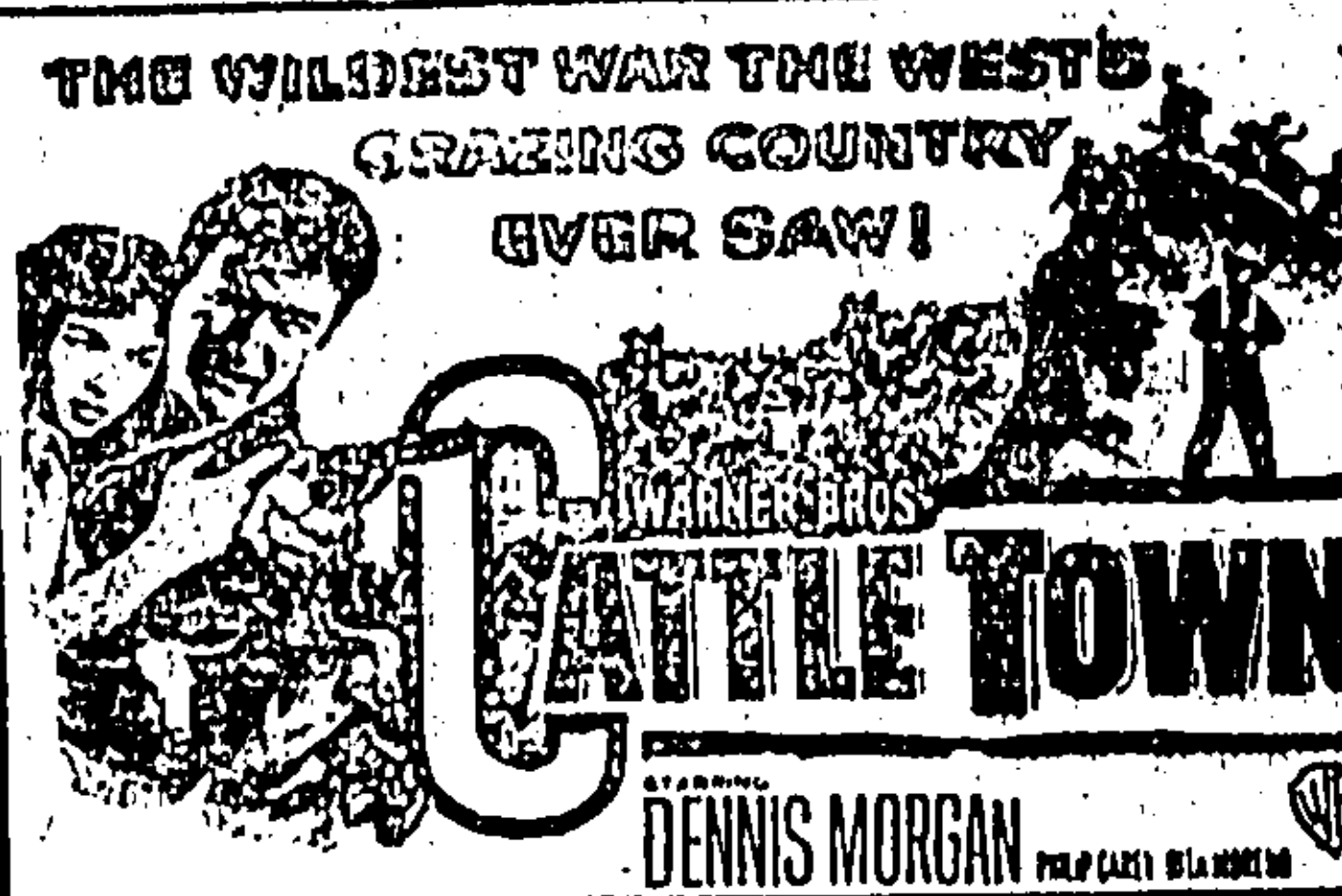
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LYTTELTON AND DEPOSED CHIEF

London, Dec. 7. The deposed Kabaka of Buganda, King Mutesa the Second, today had a half-hour talk with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, at the Colonial Office.

Afterwards the Kabaka issued a statement announcing that a delegation from Buganda would be leaving shortly for London.

—France-Press.

"DANCING" MAJOR'S CHILD

Cairo Dec. 7. British military authorities said today after an army doctor had examined the polo-stricken two-year-old son of Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, that "the child has now passed."

Major Salem, a strong critic of Britain, especially on the Suez Canal zone, first sought the advice of a British Army expert when the disease was reaching a crisis. He also accepted the services of two British army nurses.

Major Salem said today in an article in a newspaper that Lieutenant Colonel Gamil Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Vice Premier and chief negotiator with the British in the informal talks on the future of the Suez Canal zone, had told Britain "the Egyptians harbour no enmity for Russia because they had never seen a Russian soldier occupying their land, while every Egyptian hated the British."

The British had been told that if they wanted a base in the Suez Canal zone "this base must be Egyptian, serving Egypt and the Arab Collective Security Pact."—Reuter.

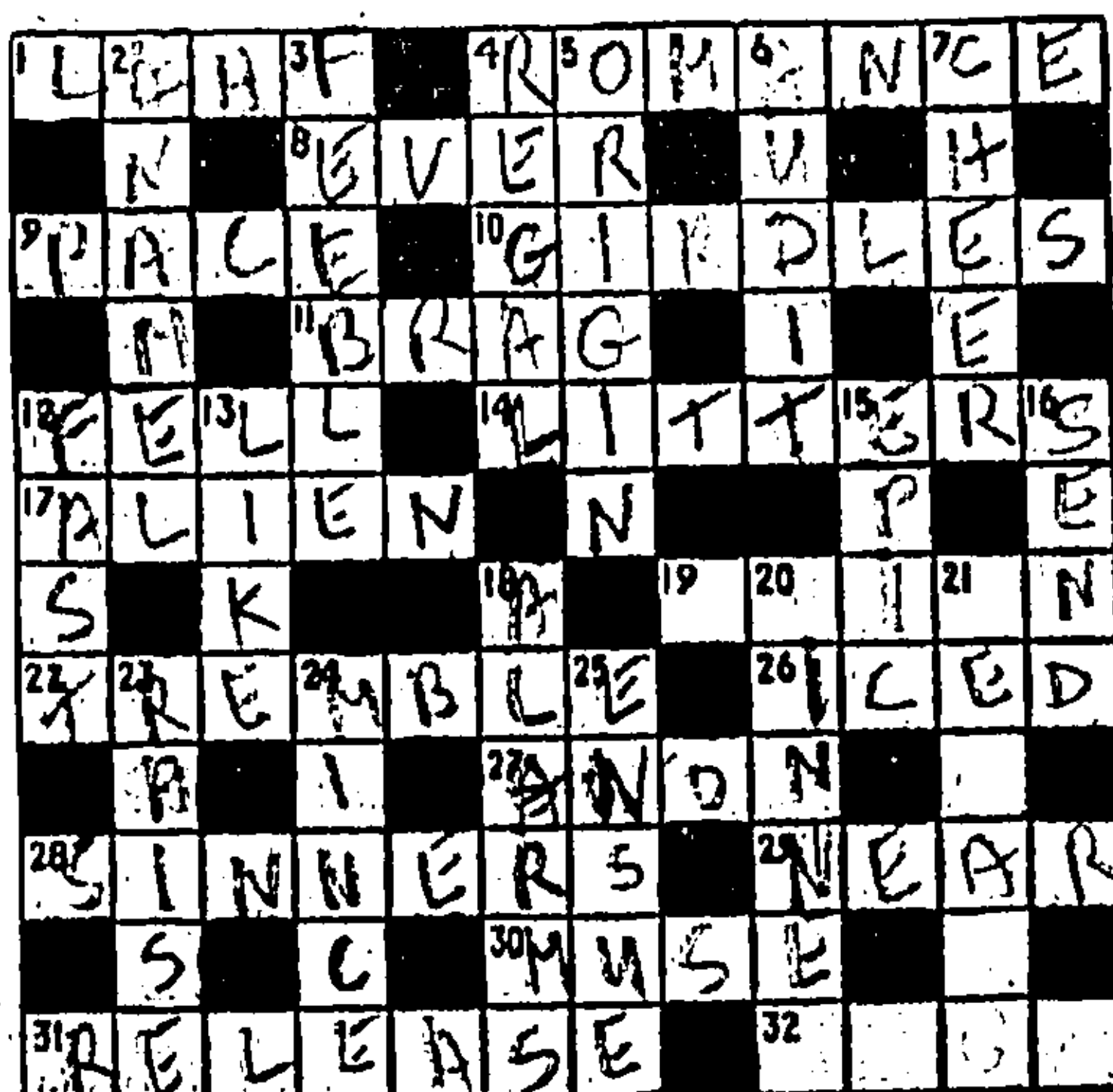
Corrective Labour

New York, Dec. 7. The United Nations General Assembly today approved a recommendation by the Social Committee urging the "abolition of all systems of forced or corrective labour."

The vote, in a plenary session of the Assembly, was 40 in favour, five against (Soviet group), with 12 abstentions, on a resolution sponsored in part by Britain, the United States and Australia. It was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee on November 27.

The resolution also invited the Economic and Social Council to consider "as a matter of urgency" the report of the Special Committee on Forced Labour and to report back to the General Assembly next year.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1. Drudge (4).
 2. Love affair (7).
 3. Always (4).
 4. Step (4).
 5. Bells (7).
 6. Boast (4).
 7. Tumbled (4).
 8. Broods (7).
 9. Foreign (5).
 10. Dress (5).
 11. Quake (7).
 12. Frozen (4).
 13. Before long (4).
 14. Wrong-doers (7).
 15. Close to (4).
 16. Meditate (4).
 17. Liberate (7).
 18. Pulls along (4).

- DOWN
1. Hard coating (8).
 2. Weak (8).
 3. Royal (6).
 4. Source (6).
 5. Financial check (5).
 6. Applaud with shouts (5).
 7. Swift (4).
 8. Similar (4).
 9. Tale of heroism (4).
 10. Despatch (4).
 11. Scares (6).
 12. Bird (6).
 13. Bauble (6).
 14. Elevate (5).
 15. Cut fine (6).
 16. Follow (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Spread, 5. Censor, 6. Royal, 10. Piles, 11. Magic, 12. Eggs, 13. Tills, 16. Sedate, 17. Dashed, 20. Scene, 22. Pomp, 23. Galop, 25. Tenor, 26. Savage, 27. Reiter, 28. Broad, 29. Sowers, 30. Down, 1. Suspect, 2. Renegade, 3. Argum, 4. Dilator, 5. Capital, 6. Effect, 7. Show, 14. Lamented, 15. Suppress, 16. Smear, 17. Depose, 18. Anger, 21. Clear, 24. Fave.

NATO MILITARY GOAL Nearly Achieved For First Time

Paris, Dec. 7.

Military informants reported today that for the first time the North Atlantic Alliance came close to achieving its military goals this year.

Senior military representatives of the United States, Britain and France opened discussions preliminary to a full meeting of the 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation starting next Monday.

Meeting here as the NATO Military "Standing Group" were General J. Lawton Collins of the United States, General John Harding of Britain, and General Paul Elz of France.

They will be joined by Admiral E.D.C. Quistana of Denmark, Chairman of the full 14-nation Military Committee, which starts its sessions on Wednesday.

Figures made available to the Standing Group showed that the Alliance came very close to its goal this year, according to NATO sources, although there was a slight shortage in aircraft.

Gonits set at a NATO meeting last April were for a maximum 10-division boost for 1953-54 active and up to six reserve divisions—to add to the 50 combat and ready-reserve divisions at the beginning of the year.

Propellers Confiscated

London, Dec. 7. The pilot of a Belgian Gloire twin-engine aircraft was standing helplessly by his plane today, unable to continue his journey to Leopoldville because the French police had confiscated his propellers.

The plane left Brussels this morning and had landed at the airport near here to refuel. The Belgian police had previously contacted the French local authorities and warned them that the aircraft propellers were believed to have been stolen.

The pilot, employed by the aircraft owner who lives in Brussels, was thunderstruck when the police marched out and ordered the propellers impounded. They are alleged to have been stolen by the aircraft's owner who hoped thus to recover sums owed him by a rival transport firm.—France-Press.

Anglo-Libyan Treaty

London, Dec. 7. The Foreign Office stated today that the current Anglo-Libyan friendship treaty formed a basis for continuing and fruitful collaboration between the two countries and contributed to the maintenance of peace and security in North Africa.

"The treaty and agreements are an earnest of the close friendship already existing between this country and Libya," the Foreign Office statement said.—Reuter.

RED CROSS REPORT ON POWs

London, Dec. 7. A "preliminary" report issued by the Red Cross Society of China, says that 17,000 Korean and Chinese prisoners of war were killed by United States forces from January to October, the Communist New China News Agency reported tonight.

The total killed in the whole war was "unaccountable," though a careful compilation is being made of all figures for which there is evidence," the agency said.

Carefully recorded data obtained from repatriated Chinese People's Volunteers showed that between November 1950 and July 1953, the United States forces murdered no fewer than 2,600 Chinese People's Volunteers, apart from captured Korean People's Army personnel," the agency added.

The 2,000 were killed by means of "bayonet, automatic rifles, carbines, light and heavy machineguns, 60 millimetre guns, hand grenades, gas bombs, flame throwers, armoured cars, tanks, burning them alive, strangling them, death etc.," the report said.—Reuter.

Missing Prisoners Resolution Meets With Approval

New York, Dec. 7.

A resolution expressing "grave and continuing concern at evidence" that more than 300,000 German, Japanese and Italian missing prisoners of the second World War were still being held in Soviet group nations and People's China was given final approval by the United Nations General Assembly today.

The vote was 46 in favour, five against (Soviet group) with six abstentions.

The resolution was sponsored by Australia, Brazil, Britain, Thailand and the United States. It was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee last Thursday after hearing from representatives of West Germany, Japan and Italy, sitting in a committee of the United Nations for the first time.

Germany claimed that nearly 103,000 German soldiers and 133,000 civilians were still detained in the Soviet Union and estimated that 63,000 soldiers who fought on the Russian front remained unaccounted for. Japan stated 140,000 prisoners were in Soviet territory and more than 42,000 in Communist China.

BEFORE VOTE

Before the voting Mr. S. K. Teapkin of the Soviet Union, told the Assembly that the repatriation of prisoners of war from the Soviet Union was completed ages ago, except for a few war criminals who are working out their sentence.

He charged that the sponsors of the resolution were using the prisoner issue "to divert United Nations from the more pressing problems of peace."

The Charles Mayo, of the United States, urging adoption of the proposal, said the resolution consists merely of some ink on a piece of paper.

"Yet it reflects the last hope of thousands upon thousands of families in Germany, Italy, Japan and other countries," said Dr Mayo.

FAMILIES

"These families desire to know whether their missing relatives are alive or dead. These families desire, and are entitled to desire, that all living prisoners be returned to their homes or be otherwise 'accounted for'."

In conclusion may I note that the new regime in the Soviet Union now has an opportunity to carry out the agreements which it entered into but never honoured.

"That new administration, and its representatives here, speak often of its desire to alleviate world tension and contribute to peace."

"Here is an unparalleled opportunity for alleviating world tension as well as for alleviating the sufferings of many thousands of prisoners and of their families. It earnestly hopes that the Soviet government will seize that opportunity."

There was no general debate on the prisoner issue. Only the United States and the Soviet Union addressed the Assembly on explanations of votes.—Reuter.

Pole-Sitter Nearly Loses His Perch

Vaejo, Cal., Dec. 1. Billie Ray, a 10-year-old flag-pole sitter, is sure some people have no appreciation of his art.

Ray said four boys wielding an axe cut about one-third of the way through the bottom of his 50-foot perch yesterday before giving up.—United Press.

Persian Oil Situation

Hoover Will End Talks Shortly

London, Dec. 7. Mr Herbert Hoover, Jr, United States Government's oil consultant, is expected to end this week his fortnight-old talks on the Anglo-Persian oil dispute at the Foreign Office here.

An authoritative source said that no definite date had yet been fixed for Mr Hoover's departure. He might stay in Tehran as long as he wished.

During the past two months Mr Hoover has discussed in London and Tehran several possibilities for solving the oil problem but he has not put forward any definite plan. Nor has any plan been agreed between Britain and the United States about the form of a settlement, diplomatic quarters here said.

This is Mr Hoover's second visit to London in connection with the oil question.

Now that Anglo-Persian diplomatic relations have been resumed after a break of 13 months, the first move will be for the two countries to get into touch with each other directly on the oil question.

Diplomatic quarters here, however, warn just because relations have been resumed between London and Tehran, it does not mean that the 30-month-old oil problem is as good as settled.

"They expect the negotiations on the oil dispute to be difficult and lengthy and think it unwise at this stage to speculate on the various possible settlements that could be reached in the oil wrangle.—Reuter.

Death For "Agents"

London, Dec. 7. A Polish military court at Szczecin (Stettin) today sentenced to death Heinz Lanevoigt and Konrad Wruck, two of three men accused of being Western agents sent to Poland "to prepare the way for parachutists." Warsaw Radio reported.

Adolf Machura, the third accused, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

All three pleaded guilty.

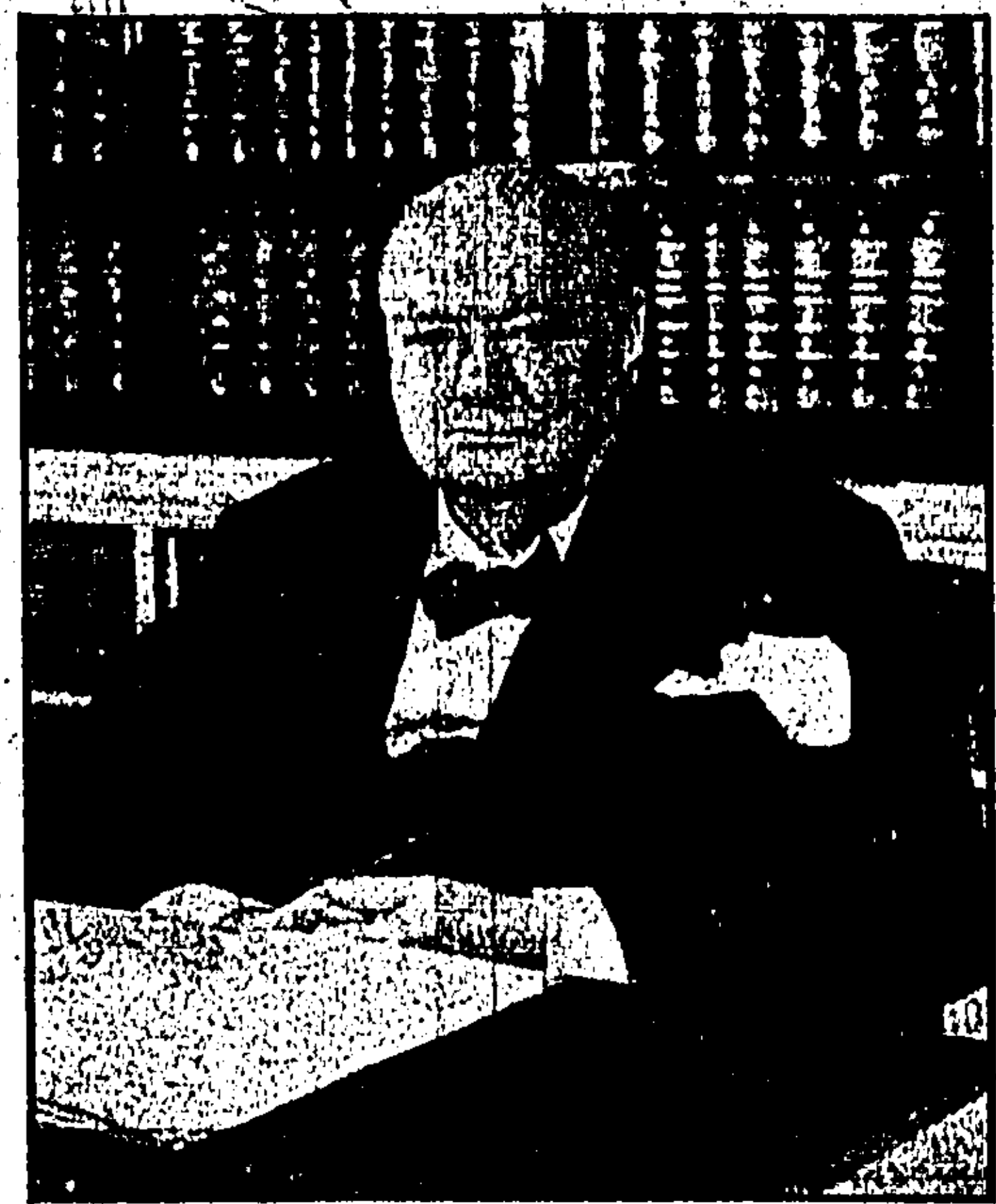
The prosecution said the spy ring was uncovered when Lanevoigt, a German, was caught carrying arms to the frontier. Machura told the court last week that the West German government, backed by the Americans, had told him to get sketch maps of the Polish coast as seen from the sea.

Machura, a former S.S. man, said he had been trained in West German espionage centres and provided with false papers, money, false watches, a compass and a pistol.—Reuter.

Loy Henderson

Karachi, Dec. 7. The United States Ambassador in Tehran, Mr Loy Henderson, arrived here tonight to meet visiting United States Vice-President Richard Nixon. American sources said here. They added that Mr Henderson would accompany Vice-President Nixon when the latter leaves for Tehran next Wednesday.—France-Press.

Birthday Picture



The latest picture of British Premier Sir Winston Churchill, made for his 79th birthday, which he celebrated on Monday, November 30. The picture was taken in the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street, official London residence of British Prime Ministers.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY ATTACKS COLONIAL POLICY

London, Dec. 7.

The Labour Party demanded today in another strong attack on Britain's Conservative colonial policy that the constitution of the "Red colony" of British Guiana be restored.

For the second straight week, the Conservative Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, was beating off attacks on his policy as the Socialists introduced a motion in the House of Commons seeking to annul the order which suspended the constitution.

Britain suspended the Guiana constitution last October and charged that Premier Dr Cheddi Jagan and his red-haired Chicago-born wife, Janet, were trying to set up a Red "People's Democracy" on the northern rim of South America.

The Labour "prayer" for the annulment of the order was expected to come to a vote later tonight, although Mr Lyttelton appealed to them not to press the issue that far because it might create a false impression abroad where the intricacies of British procedure were not understood.

EDU ATTACKS

The former Labour Home Secretary, Mr James Chuter Ede, led the Labour attack on Mr Lyttelton's action with the argument that the situation could have been handled in some other way than by suspending the new constitution of the colony.

He questioned some of the evidence put forward in the Government White Paper justifying the action.

"We do not feel that the course that was followed was that which was best in the permanent interests, not merely of this colony, but of the gradually developing series of responsible experiments that are being tried in all parts of the British Empire," he said.

He said he hoped that a democratic constitution could be restored soon and said he still thought that Mr Lyttelton should have called the Guianese leaders into discussion of the situation before suspending the constitution.

MORTAL DANGER

Mr Lyttelton replied that the security of the Colony had been in mortal danger when he acted.

"I received personal telegrams from the Governor underlining the danger of the outbreak of widespread violence and disturbances," he said.

"I am suggesting that no responsible Minister and no responsible Government could have remained inactive in the face of the reports I was receiving."

"I stand firm upon that," Mr Lyttelton declared.

He then said that none of the alternatives proposed since by the Labourites would have worked in the situation.—United Press.

Corunna, Spain, Dec. 7. The Corunna Port Committee decided to spend 305 million pesetas (\$10 million) on widening and deepening the harbour, one of the most strategically and commercially important in Spain.

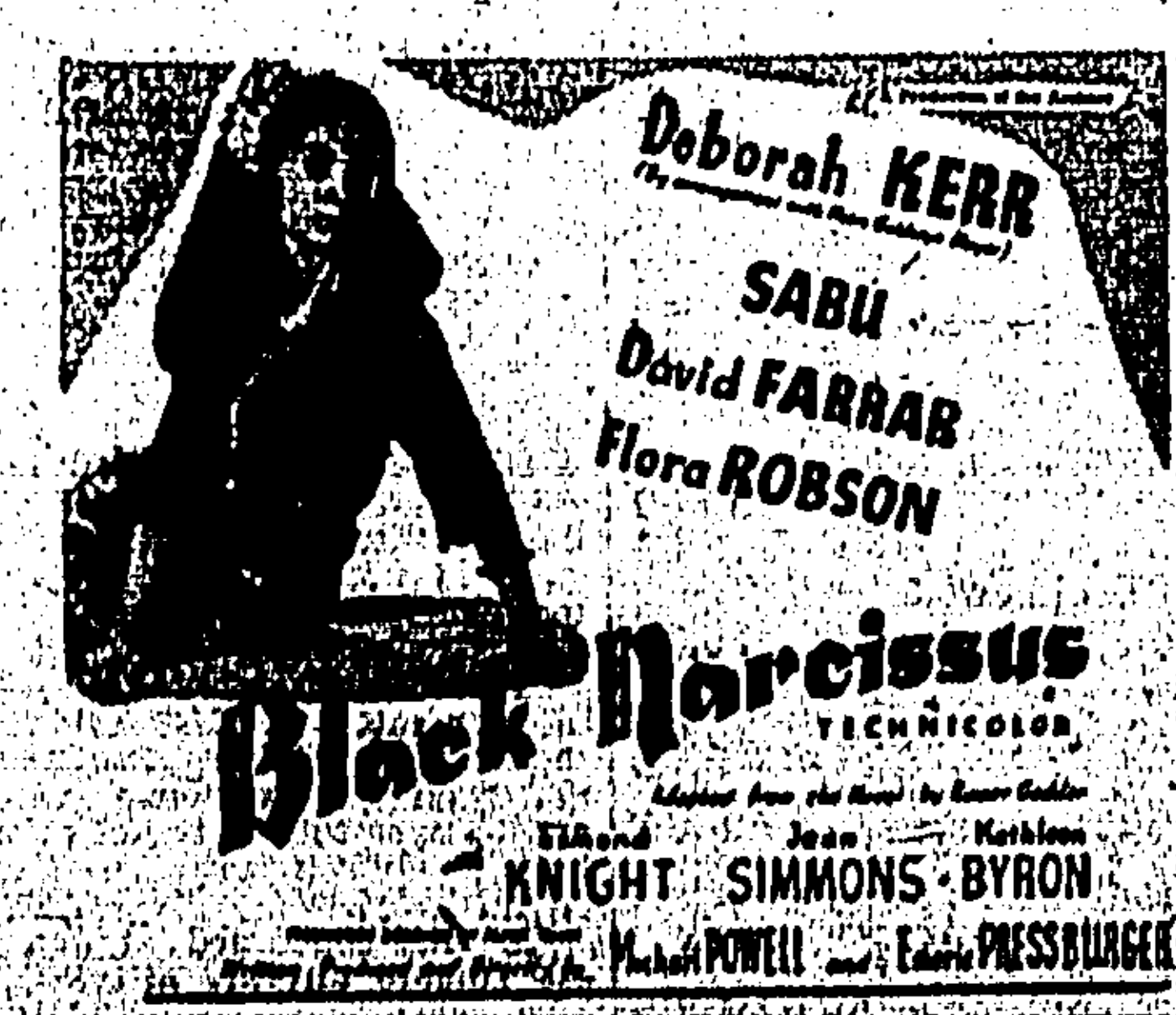
A new breakwater, begun some years ago is to be completed to make the port safe for ships in all weathers and the harbour is to be dredged.—China Mail Special.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

• BY • THE • WAY •
by Beachcomber

I GATHER from a correspondence column that where diplomacy has failed, football is pretty certain to succeed.

If the visit to Russia of an English club leads the people to rise against Marxism, it will be time to cram the Foreign Office with professional footballers, and to choose our ambassadors from the First League club.

This is a very interesting idea, but dear Sir, surely world peace is more important than the appeasement of the M.C.F.

Public school man, 35, requires capital to develop new method of looking at fish round corners without overbalancing.

Experienced, 19 in family, would exchange set of used tin-opener for ten days by the sea with her cat.

Lions' whiskers made into wig by a safe process.

Carlisle wanted for balancing on chest of strong man, humane treatment guaranteed. Must be quiet and docile.

Sue explains

Dear Miss Slopecorner,

In suggesting that you should be our Smug Queen I can assure you that I had no thought of anything "Oriental" to use your word. I admit that the mask is something of a yachmak, but that surely does not mean that secret trousers must be worn with it. The British public



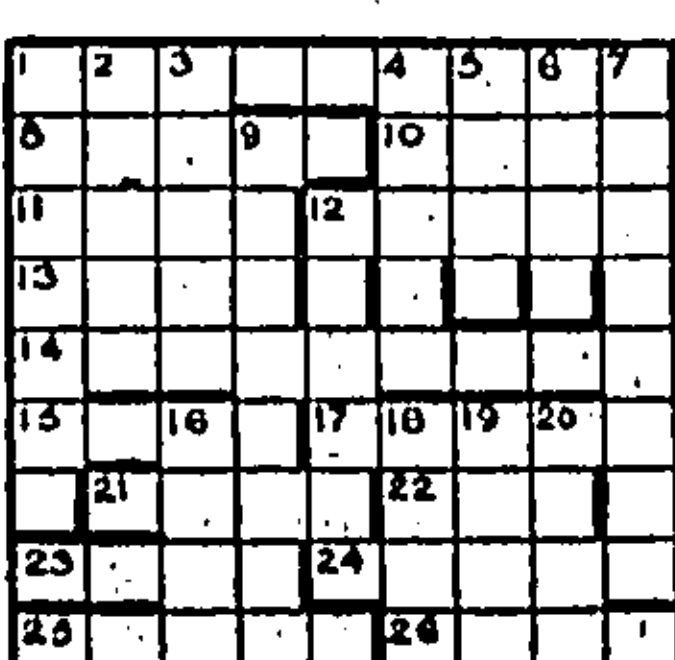
"My George is getting so handy around the house. Only today he got the refrigerator, washing machine, radio and television set in working order again by replacing one fuse in the basement."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

BORN today, the instinct to benefit those less fortunate than yourself is especially marked, and you cannot be entirely happy unless you are embarked upon some plan for social welfare. You are a good executive and know how to manage many different types of people. You have learned the lesson of co-operation and although your greatest value to the world lies in leadership, you are also willing to follow directions as need be to follow directions as need be.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Tune to R.A.P. for luck. (9)
2. And to said in a whisper too. (6)
3. Could never be called odd. (4)
4. "Merely, literally shall I now?" (8)
5. A green French way to ward off. (5)
6. Backward dance—look. (4)
7. A letter seen. (3)
8. A rugged rock... or man? (4)
9. Marriage at this time was once legal. (5)
10. This year couldn't do it though, one hopes. (4)
11. Crab catcher. (5)
12. Find the heading in the end, as was its right. (5)
13. A broken old coin in a Scottish. (4)
14. Means the opposite of 4 Down. (5)
15. State that chance deserts, and what deserts are. (4)
16. This note is the same from both ends. (4)
17. Can you find your way? (4)
18. Sir I can see you know her. (4)

SOLUTION
TO CHECK
YESTERDAY'S
PUZZLE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — Only act on facts today. Don't count your chickens before they are hatched. First hour.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — You may be able to reciprocate for some time today. Invite friends to your home if you can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — Old friends when you have not seen for a long time may come back into your life and bring happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — If your budget is showing signs of wear and tear, go over it carefully and reorganize it.

ALLIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — If you are thoroughly realistic, then you may be able to reap the rewards of past efforts now.

TAUROS (Apr. 21-May 21) — A stimulating day! A new idea may develop into something very important for your future happiness.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — You can increase your popularity if you show a spirit of co-operation with those in your community.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Cultivate patience even if things appear to be going much more slowly than you might wish.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Being conservative, rather than too adventurous, will prove to be the best way today.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — If you do not go off the deep end today, all will go well.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Be sure that all your Christmas cards in the mail now. Don't wait until the last minute.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Your initiative and originality will get you a long way toward getting you out in front of the procession.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

PHIL G. K. CRISPEN

Rearrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)

ON BRIDGE
• JACOBYEven Expert Can
Make Some Errors

by OSWALD JACOBY

If I hadn't seen it done I probably wouldn't believe it. South was a very experienced player and he had all of his wits about him, but he still found a way to go down in the ice-cold contract of four hearts. If this can happen to a good player, maybe there's a lesson in it.

The bidding was aggressive enough to suit anybody's taste. East had practically no high cards, but he hated to keep completely silent about his rather good spade suit. West, no mind reader, assumed his partner had a trick or two and therefore doubted the final contract of four hearts.

South won the opening diamond lead with the ace, cashed the ace of spades, and ruffed a low spade in dummy. He should have tried to cash the king of spades also before beginning to ruff any spades, but there was nothing fatally wrong with his play up to this moment.

Declarer returned to his hand by ruffing a diamond and next ruffed his second low spade with dummy's eight of hearts. The

NORTH 10		EAST	
♠ 6		♠ 10 9 8 4	
♥ 8 5		♥ 10 8 4	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ 10 8 4	
♣ 10 8 4		♣ 10 8 4	
WEST		EAST	
♠ 8 3		♠ 10 9 5 2	
♥ 10 8 4		♥ 10 8 4	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ 10 8 4	
♣ 10 8 4		♣ 10 8 4	
SOUTH (D)		EAST	
♠ 10 8 4		♠ 10 9 5 2	
♥ 10 8 4		♥ 10 8 4	
♦ 10 8 4		♦ 10 8 4	
♣ 10 8 4		♣ 10 8 4	
Both sides vul.		EAST	
South	West	North	East
Double	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Double	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ K			

continuation should have been child's play. South should have ruffed another diamond and then cashed the king of spades with dummy's last trump. There would then be no way to lose more than one trump trick and the two low clubs.

Instead, reluctant to ruff his good king of spades, South decided to draw trumps. He led the nine of hearts from dummy, took the ace of hearts and returned the queen of hearts. West promptly went up with the king of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs, and led a low club to his partner's king. It was now easy for East to lead a spade, and West was able to ruff declarer's king of spades with the lowly four of hearts.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North 2 East South West 1 Diamond Double You, South hold: Spades 5-3, Hearts K-Q-J-9-5, Diamonds 7-6-4, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

A—Bid one heart. If you fail to show your suit at this moment you may never get a chance to do so.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold: Spades 5-3-2, Hearts Q-J-9-8-7-3, Diamond 4, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS



★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★



Princess Margaret, in a deep burgundy velvet coat and small white hat, stops to look at hats of bygone years at The Platt Hall where she inspected the gallery of English Costumes on her recent visit to Manchester.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT
WHAT IT TAKES...

By ANNE HEYWOOD

WE make a mistake when we assume that every woman is potentially a good private secretary. Lots of girls simply lack the clerical ability. It isn't that they don't try, but they just simply have not got what it takes.

Short-hand is sheer torture to some girls, and to force them to learn it is a mistake. It is just like assuming that every man is a born engineer, or a born mechanic. Many are, but people, women included, take it for granted that any girl who sets her mind to it can learn shorthand and typing, filing and business arithmetic and accounting.

That was Carlotta's mistake. "I intend to learn it," she announced firmly. "Anybody can!"

Carlotta was a very outgoing person, imaginative, creative, and with no head for details at all. She wrote

ably and frazzling her nerves and her temper. She gave up her wonderful copy job, and went to work for her beau. She couldn't read a blueprint for love or money. She made a mess of the files. Her letters were sloppy and inaccurate. She was tense and irritable. The hardest she tried for perfection, the less she achieved it.

Finally her beau couldn't stand it. They had a huge fight, after which she left, in tears, the engagement off forever.

A Misguided Attempt

But Carlotta was in love. "He's wonderful," she told me, "and he's a struggling architect with his own little office. We're engaged, and I think it would be wonderful if I could work as his secretary. It would help him so, and then we'd really be partners at his job!"

She was dewy-eyed, and, of course, she wouldn't listen to me. Carlotta struggled through a business course, doing miser-

ably and frazzling her nerves and her temper. She gave up her wonderful copy job, and went to work for her beau. She couldn't read a blueprint for love or money. She made a mess of the files. Her letters were sloppy and inaccurate. She was tense and irritable. The hardest she tried for perfection, the less she achieved it.

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Carlotta is back at her copy job, serene and charming again, and happily married to a lawyer.

"We're going to keep it that way, too," Carlotta told me. "I wouldn't try to help him with his files if my life depended on it!"

Moral: Don't try to learn a skill that is alien—not for love, not for money. If you try, you'll lose the love—and you won't make any money.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

No More Newspaper for Willy

—He's Mad Because He Couldn't Get a Story—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children who turned about names, found their friend Willy Toad half-dozing on his tondstool in the middle of the Pine Tree Grove. Not far from where Willy was lying was the little cave formed by fallen logs with the sign above the opening reading:

Willy's Weekly
Newspaper
Willy Toad Editor

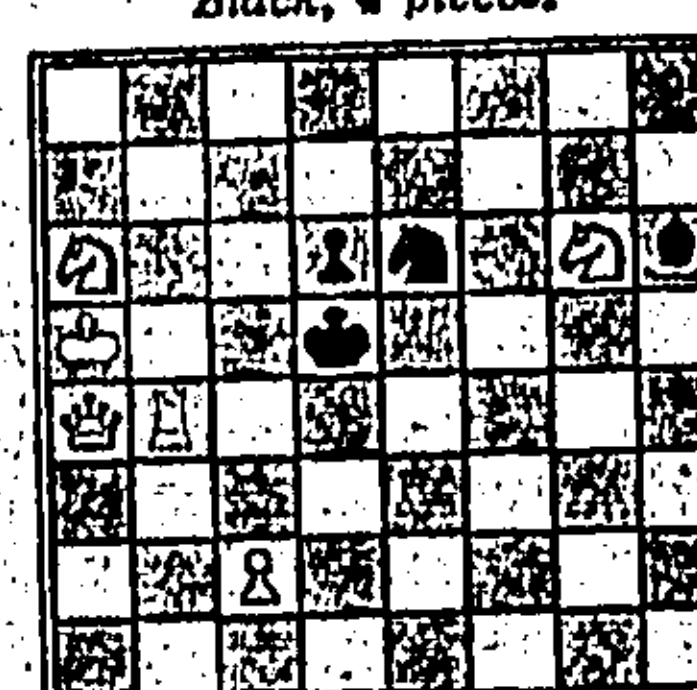
Knarf and Hanid noticed that the entrance to the cave, which Willy used as his office, had a big cubew in front of it. It was plain that Willy had not entered his office for at least a day and probably for longer than that.

"Hello!" greeted Willy sleepily, when he opened his eyes wide staring before him.

"Hello, Willy!" returned Hanid. "Why, what's happened to your newspaper?"

"Bah!" said Willy. "It doesn't look as if you've been working in your office at all," said Knarf.

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. CALVET
Black, 4 pieces.

White, 8 pieces.
Black, 4 pieces.
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FEAST OF THRILLS AS SAILORS EDGE OUT AIRMEN BY 13-11 SCORE

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

The thrill of flying gloves, the thud of leather on flesh and the tumultuous applause united to provide another memorable evening when the Royal Navy boxers tackled the Royal Air Force at the Mission to Seamen last night.

There were so many big moments during the evening that it is difficult to decide just where the main honours lay, but if I award the place of merit to local boy Henry Wong I am sure the spectators who saw the show, and there was a very large crowd, will give me their backing.

Wong participated in one of the special contests on a well-balanced programme and he went into the ring against LAC Johnson who defeated him in the last promotion at the Southern Playground.

Last night we saw a new Wong. The former champion who had disappeared and in his place we saw a non-stop fighter who threw blows from every angle and at every opportunity. The crowd was on its feet, roaring approval from first round to last, and the referee, who had to be at the end of a magnificent scrap, showed that everyone had enjoyed it.

And on this occasion Henry Wong, the new Henry Wong, was a worthy and popular winner, but once again Johnson at that time knew he had been in a tough fight.

THE SENSATION

Local fight fan, will want to see S/M Geraghty of the Royal Navy again. This tall, flame-headed lightweight sensation of the evening, and his fire and power in the ring, of LAC Wright was one of the best things we have seen in the Colony in a long time.

Geraghty is a Welsh internationalist and no one who has seen the pleasure of seeing him in action last night can doubt that the Welsh boxing authorities will be glad to see him back in the United Kingdom again.

He has a ram-rod left hand and a right that was like the kick of the proverbial mule. Wright, taller, faster, and he is, simply never had a chance and the referee did the right thing in stopping the fight in the second round.

There were the usual fireworks when AB Kirby stepped into the ring, but this time his furious flying fists failed to dispose of his opponent, SAC Smyth, inside the distance, but they did enough to bring him a comfortable victory on points, although Smyth gave him plenty of trouble on the way.

Siz, Boulter, RN, is getting himself a reputation as the thrill-provider-in-chief and last night was no exception. His scrap with Cpl. Ross, RAF, was a typical heavyweight contest with lots of hard hitting and thrills galore.



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Franjo Mihalic of Yugoslavia leads Frans Herman of Belgium to win the Grand International Cross Country Race at Evere airfield near Brussels.—Express Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Royal Challenger Has Stamina In Pedigree

Says JAMES PARK

There is bound to be a diversity of opinion on the stamina potential of Royal Challenger. Connections may also have had some doubt, as the colt was entered for the 2,000 Guineas and Derby but not for the St Leger. Perhaps he was put in the Derby—just in case.

So before examining his credentials as revealed by two-year-old running, it may be as well to take a look at his breeding.

Royal Challenger is by Royal Charger out of Skewweather by Singapore out of Nish Light by Gallipoli Light out of Polite by Pommern. There is a wealth of staying blood in the lower half of the pedigree.

OF TWO TYPES

Royal Charger did not stay more than a mile, but it goes to his credit that he has already sired an Irish St Leger winner in Sea Charger. I should say the dam of Royal Challenger is at least as stoutly bred as the dam of Sea Charger.

Throughout the season I studied the Royal Charger two-year-olds and found them of two types. Some appeared to

like after the maternal side of the pedigree, which brings in more speed than stamina. The others cover more ground in their stride and want time to settle down.

Royal Challenger comes into the latter category and I am sure he would have stayed a mile as a two-year-old.

The maternal grandsire, Singapore, won the St Leger and in the next two removes we find Gainsborough, Bayardo and Sunstar, in addition to those already mentioned. Royal Challenger is a half-brother to Stormless, who was twice a winner over two miles.

It might be stretching a point to say that Royal Challenger is certain to stay a mile and a half, but there is a reasonable chance of him doing so.

The colt was given 8st. 4lb. in the Free Handicap, 11lb. below infatuation. That was on the strength of the defeat of Darius in the Middle Park Stakes. In the ordinary way the time for that race is fast because it is contested by good two-year-olds. That was not the case this year.

COMPARATIVE TIMES

Comparative times on the same day are more reliable than those on different days. Last year and this year there were three races over six furlongs on the same day and the times, recorded electrically, make interesting reading:

May Bug	1952	1.18.22
Nerula	1953	1.18.23
Agitator (3 yrs)	1957	1.18.07
Wire Folly	1953	1.18.00
Royal Challenger	1953	1.18.22
Panorama (3 yrs)	1953	1.18.33

Westral's time last year was what could have been expected. It stamped him as a top-class two-year-old. Royal Challenger's time is so slow as to make it clear that the race was not run at a true pace throughout.

In my opinion that makes it a difficult matter to weigh up Royal Challenger. His earlier races did not provide the right sort of evidence. He was backed when making a first appearance at York in the spring. He beat Spinster by five lengths at Ascot and had nothing more than an exercise canter when winning at Newmarket in July.

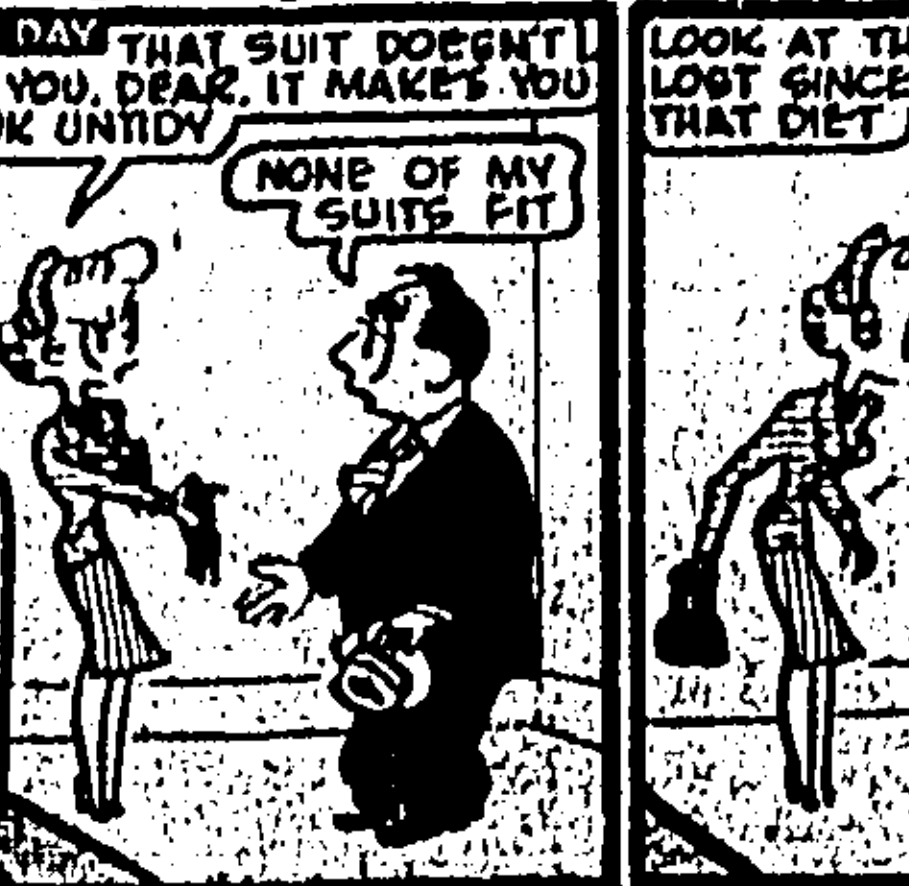
ON SAFER GROUND

I own to considerable liking for Royal Challenger not only as an individual but because of

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GARDNER STARTS HIS COME-BACK BID TONIGHT

By JACK MARSH

London.

When Jack Gardner, former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, meets the Italian title-holder, Uber Bacilleri, at Harringay tonight he will find the come back road tough going from the start.

Gardner has been out of boxing ever since he sustained a serious eye injury when he lost on points to Johnny Williams of Rugby in March last year. And 18 months is a long time to be out of the ring.

But he has trained intensively for tonight's bout. Even in retirement on his farm he sparred regularly with his brothers Rodney and Bob.

NO MEAN VICTORY

In October he won no mean victory when he was granted his licence by the watchful and almost over cautious British Boxing Board.

That is enough to prove his fitness and that his eye injury has healed permanently.

Gardner's come-back is prompted by his belief that there is a shortage of good heavyweights this side of the Atlantic. And who would question that? He now sees the chance of regaining his crown quickly.

Yet if he goes into the ring tonight undisciplined his opponent is bound to be rudely shocked and all his hopes scattered to the winds.

For the solid Italian, always superbly fit, is used to facing tough assignments. His continental hustling, crowding and hooking style will rudely sandpaper the rust of Gardner's straight left.

Bacilleri is a somewhat slow starter—so for that matter is Gardner—but he took Don Cockell, the present British and Empire Champion, the distance and just lost the verdict.

Cockell previously had clearly outpointed Johnny Williams. And it was Williams who in March, 1952, put Gardner out of boxing for 18 months.

IN FINE SHAPE

Gardner, however, is still young, and physically in fine shape, with little or no real disillusionment in his boxing career. And it is this freshness that may enable him to disprove the old "they never come back" adage.

But if his come-back is to be really successful his supporters will look for evidence not only of his past form, but of increased striking power.

For if Jack has to bludgeon his way to the top through some more of those gory points battles

DEFEAT BY ALBANIA THE LAST STRAW

London, Dec. 7.

Poland's Radio today criticised the "pitiful state" of Polish football, accusing some players of drunkenness and "behaving like Hollywood stars."

It said the national team was "a collection of old players about to grow white heads."

The radio called for younger players and more discipline and training.

It said the problem came to a head after the Polish international team was twice defeated by Albania, including a "painful defeat" yesterday on the home ground at Warsaw.—Reuter.

HUNGARY LEADS IN MODERN PENTATHLON

Rocas De Santo Domingo, Chile, Dec. 7.

Hungary advanced to first position in the team standings of the Modern Pentathlon World Championships today after the fencing competition, second event in the tournament.

The present standings follow: 1. Hungary with 83 points (against); 2. Brazil, 66; 3. Sweden, 59; Argentina 40; Chile 72; United States, 74; Uruguay, 80.—United Press.

Singapore Sets New Standards For Swimmers

The Singapore Amateur Swimming Association has recommended the setting up of new standards for swimmers who may be selected to represent that Colony in the Asian Games next year.

These recommendations have been forwarded to the Singapore Olympic Sports Council for approval and are as follows:

Men—400 metres free style 3 mins. 05 secs; 1,000 metres free style 10 mins. 00 secs; 100 metres back stroke 1 min. 20 secs; 200 metres breast stroke 2 mins. 05 secs; 500 metres free style 10 mins. 30 secs; 4 x 200 metres free style relay average 2 mins. 25 secs.

Women—100 metres free style 1 min. 10 secs; 400 metres free style 5 mins. 00 secs; 200 metres back stroke 3 mins. 20 secs; 100 metres breast stroke 1 min. 30 secs; 4 x 100 metres free style relay average 1 min. 10 secs.

Floodlit Football

Leeds, Dec. 7.

Leeds United, the English Second Division club, beat East Fife, Scottish League Cup holders, by three goals to one in a friendly floodlit football match here tonight.—Reuter.

League Snooker

CPO Mess, Tamar, beat

HQF 6-0 in a Geo Younger Snooker League match last night.

Kowloon Tong beat the Kowloon Cricket Club 4-1.

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ENGLAND'S DEFENCE IN ACTION



The English centre-half, H. Johnston (white shirt, right) is challenged by a Hungarian attacker, G. Merrick, the England goalkeeper (left foreground), waits to take the ball in the England-Hungary match at Wembley. In centre background is J. W. Dickinson, the England left-half.—Reuterphoto.

Engagement Off

New York, Dec. 7. Mrs. Estelle August, 42-year-old rich widow, who a few days ago announced her engagement to the 58-year-old former world heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, today said that the engagement had been broken off.—France-Press.

Interport Hockey Trials On Saturday

The trials for the Men's Hockey Interport Selection will commence on Saturday. There will be two trials at the Pool Ground in King's Park. The first will be off at 2.30 p.m., the second at 3.45 p.m.

The following are the selections.

First Trial at 2.30 p.m.

Whites named first—Goal: Senna (AFC), Mann (Army); L.B.—Healey (RAF), Couto (Argonauts); R.H.—Vieira (Recreio), Dekker (Dutch); L.H.—Almeida (Argonauts), Campbell (Army); C.H.—Andrews (RAF), Patterson (Argonauts); R.H.—Graham (Royal Navy), Inglis (YMCA); L.W.—Stroink (Dutch), Soames (Royal Navy); L.H.—Micko (RAF); C.H.—Omar (RAF); C.L.—Pinto (Nav Bharat); Ditta (Thunderbolt); L.L.—Lucas (RAF), Mann (YMCA); R.W.—Sethan Singh (Nav Bharat), Lacey (Army).

Umpires: P. Xavier, J. B. Gonçalves.

Second Trial at 3.45 p.m.

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Umpires: Major Boycott, Major Walker.

Reserves to please attend both trials.

U.S. Dillon (Nav Bharat), Harris (Army), B. Samson (Nav Bharat), Peter (Army), Mohinder Singh (Nav Bharat).

Coloured shirts will be available on the ground. All other kit will be provided by individuals. Players are requested to be on the field 10 minutes before the scheduled time of commencement. Any postponement of these trials will be broadcast on Radio at 1 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.

All queries to A. L. Hery (Tel.—73000).

HOCKEY FIXTURES

The following are the fixtures for this week-end's Hockey matches in all divisions, as well as the fixtures for the week following.

A similar schedule will appear in these columns every Tuesday.

SATURDAY

Ladies' Division

DGS v. Derian at Police Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30. (Umpire: A. L. Hery, L. C. Moore).

KGV v. Sile at Police Gr. Boundary St. at 3.45. (Umpire: Y. Khan, Tara Singh).

University Gremlins on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30. (Umpire: Krishan Lal, J. S. Grewal).

Victorians v. Recreio 'B' on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 4.45. (Umpire: Rozza, Mickey Ram).

SUNDAY

Men's First Division

Army v. Recreio 'A' on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 3.45. (Umpire: G. T. Palmer, Mahendra Singh).

YMCA v. RAF on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 2.30. (Umpire: H. Crebas, U.S. Dillon).

Thunderbolts v. A v. Army on Army Gr. Boundary St. at 3.30. (Umpire: H. Crebas, U.S. Dillon).

HKAF v. Valley Sports IIC on RAF Gr. Kail Tak at 10.30 a.m. (Umpire: P. H. 11 Gordon, Cpl. Talwar).

Thunderbolts v. B v. Police on Police Gr. Boundary St. at 1.30. (Umpire: A. A. Malik, Wolf Bell).

ANNUAL MEETING OF HKASF & OC

The Hon. Kwok Chan, OBE, was unanimously elected President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee, and Messrs H. Owen-Hughes, OBE, R. C. Lee, OBE and L. P. Kwok Vice-Presidents, at the third Annual General Meeting of the Federation yesterday evening at the Victoria Recreation Club.

Re-elected to the Board were Messrs J. Skinner (Chairman), Ma Man-fai (Vice-chairman), A. de O. Sales (Hon. Secretary General), S. H. Pang (Deputy Secretary) and L. G. Young (Hon. Treasurer).

All the elections were for two-year terms.

The meeting also fixed January 14 as the date for an extraordinary general meeting to elect the Federation's officers for the Olympic Games.

The meeting also adopted the Report and Accounts, and re-appointed Messrs Thomas Le C. Kuen & Co. auditors.

Following is the report of the president, Mr Kwok Chan, to the meeting:

"Since the last Annual General Meeting, this Federation has successfully arranged for Hongkong to participate for the first time in the Olympic Games. Not only was the effort in itself an achievement for such a young organisation as ours, but it served to bring Hongkong to the fore in international sports. This achievement would not have been possible had it not been for the co-operation and effort of our affiliated associations and our sympathetic supporters.

Now preparations are under way for Hongkong to take part in the 1954 Asian Games at Manila, and possibly also the Empire Games at Vancouver. However, unless financial assistance is forthcoming, our efforts will not be as successful as we would wish.

It is a matter for gratification that the membership continues to expand. We have now within our fold all the more important controlling bodies of amateur sport in Hongkong. It is hoped that the encouragement which we have given to such branches of sport as are not yet organised on an association basis will continue to have the desired effect. It is necessary that amateur sport in Hongkong be properly organised and so to enjoy full recognition by the governing international federations.

NEW CONSTITUTION

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held last month a new Constitution was submitted to members by the Board and, with the exception of Art. IV, Sec. 3, was unanimously adopted. The revision of the Constitution had previously been carefully considered by the Executive Committee, and the responsibility for drafting a new set of constitution was finally entrusted to a special committee comprising Messrs Skinner, Ma Man-fai, Sales, Mok King and Wing Lee who, as we all know, are recognised without question, as the experts best able to handle this difficult piece of work.

The new Constitution, as drafted by these experts, was accepted by

the Board and the members of the Federation.

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TEST" ENDS IN DRAW

Bombay, Dec. 7.

The second unofficial "Test" match between India and the Commonwealth team ended in a draw today.

The visitors declared at 504 for six in their first innings. India scored 153 in their first innings and 447 for 5 in the second.

'VARSITY RUGGER MATCH TODAY MAY BE A FORWARD BATTLE

By J. R. WATKIN

The annual Oxford and Cambridge rugby match is something special in the annals of 'varsity sport. In popular appeal it ranks second to the Boat Race which has made the names of Oxford and Cambridge known throughout the world.

Yet in intensity of competition it is probably even more fiercely fought than the 20 odd minute battle over the stretch of Thames between Putney and Mortlake. Not even an International can set Twickenham aflame more thoroughly than the sight of 30 Light and Dark Blues engaged in their annual Rugby match.

University rugby has always been looked upon to provide all that is best in running and passing. And since the war, many great players, including a large number from the Commonwealth who have been studying as Rhodes scholars at Oxford, have appeared for one or other of the Universities.

'CAP' NO GUARANTEE

Indeed in the immediate post-war years there were so many good players at both universities that not even the possession of an International 'cap' was a guarantee of a Blue.

One player who found the truth of this was T. J. B. Davies, the Oxford wing-three. Although already a Welsh International when he went to Oxford, Davies had to wait three seasons before he was chosen to represent his University against Cambridge.

The number of ready-made players at Oxford and Cambridge has, however, gradually declined since the war and for the match this year there are only two Internationals, a Scot and a South African.

The Scot, K. J. Daigleish, is in the centre for Cambridge and the South African, P. Johnstone, who played for the Springboks in all four Internationals in Britain two years ago, is on the Oxford wing.

But though they may be lacking in Internationals, Oxford are remaining true to their post-war tradition of including a large number of South Africans—despite the fact that a few angry Cambridge supporters now call them 'Springboks'.

There are seven in the side this year and one lone New Zealander, front row forward J. J. Steel of St. Andrews, N.Z., and New College.

THE ONE BIG "NAME"

It is fair, I think, to say that Johnstone is the one really big 'name' on either side. The decisive qualities of Daigleish, perhaps, of the high order one expects to see in Internationals. Therefore it is

His forte, however, is his goal-kicking and in this respect there are very few men in the British Isles who can improve on his performances. It was his ability to land a long range penalty last year and the failure of his opposite number with one much easier that led to the first Cambridge victory in five attempts.

Of those who look part in that match Oxford have seven 'Blues' for the game this year and Cambridge nine.

Whether this game will in fact produce a vintage running comparable with the best pre-war and immediate post-war years depends to a large degree upon the weather, which has not on recent occasions been too kind to the Universities.

SIGNIFICANT

It is significant, too, that this year both captains are in the pack. Ramsay, one of the most mobile of footballers, directs the Oxford activities from the forward position and Wheeler, the Cambridge skipper, is in the second row of the scrum.

The trend in rugby since the war has been for captains to be selected from the position in which their team has most strength.

Apart from Johnstone and Daigleish there are no backs on either side one could safely name now as potential match-winners. The fear, therefore, must be that this will be another of those hard-fought forward battles which may be so satisfying to those actually participating but not exactly thrilling for those merely watching.

Then maybe that is as it should be. Rugby was ever a game for playing rather than watching.

THE TEAMS

Oxford—D.A.B. Robinson (Hilton, S.A. Trinity); P.G. Johnstone (Hilton S.A., St. John's).

Cambridge—P. M. Davies (Llandover, Trinity H.); H. B. Griffiths (Llandover, Christ's); K. J. Daigleish (Fettes, St. Catherine's); D. R. W. Silk (Christ's Hos. Sidney Sussex); J. Roberts (Mill Hill, Christ's); H. P. Morgan (Wycliffe, St. John's); T. C. Pearson (Oundle, Clare); M. J. O. Massey (Oundle, St. John's); R. MacKenzie (Brisol, Catherine's); D. G. Massey (King's School, Macclesfield & Christ's); P. J. F. Wheeler (Rugby, Magdalen); J. P. K. Aquilino (Purley, Pembroke); L. D. S. Beer (Whitgift, St. Catherine's); J. W. Clements (Cranley, Trinity H.); P. H. Ryan (Harrow, Calus).—(London Express Service).

TRUMP CARD

The Cambridge trump card lies, in fact, in the goal-kicking abilities of their full-back, Peter Davies, son of the Glamorgan all rounder, Emrys Davies, who at 40 years of age is the oldest first class cricketer in Britain.

Peter Davies has his critics who cavil at his lack of pace. But like all potentially great full-backs he has a sound pair of hands, and positional sense which precludes the need for much hard running. On occasion this season, Cambridge have found it necessary to bring him up to stand off and he has always performed intelligently and successfully in this position.

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Lady Churchill, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Christopher Scames, will arrive in Stockholm today and will stay at the Royal Castle.

Lady Churchill will attend several official receptions and parties in Stockholm but has made a special request to be left enough time for sight-seeing.

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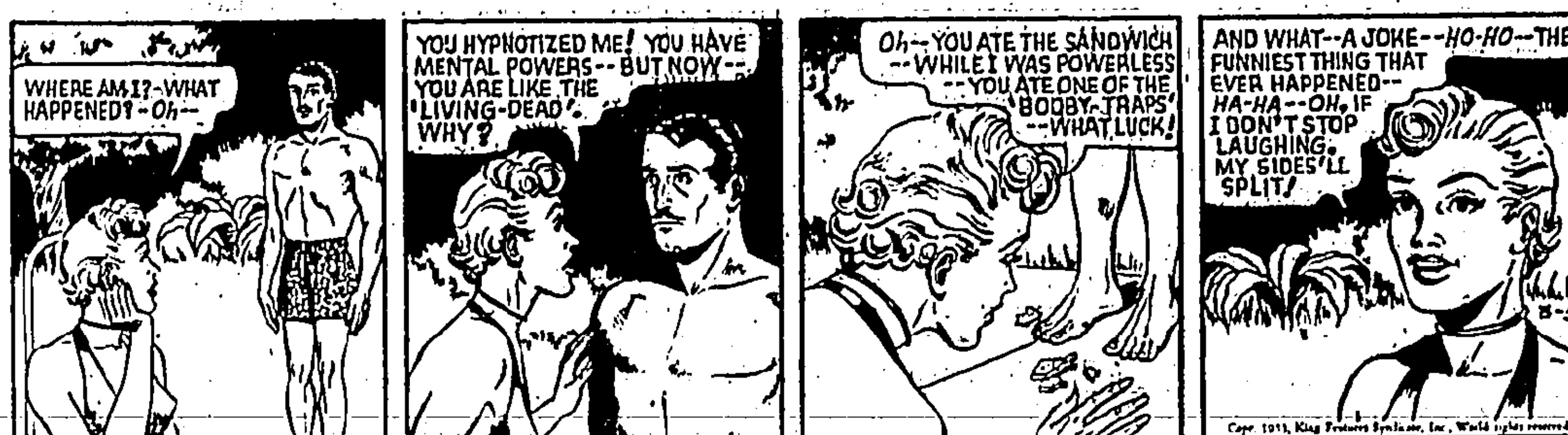
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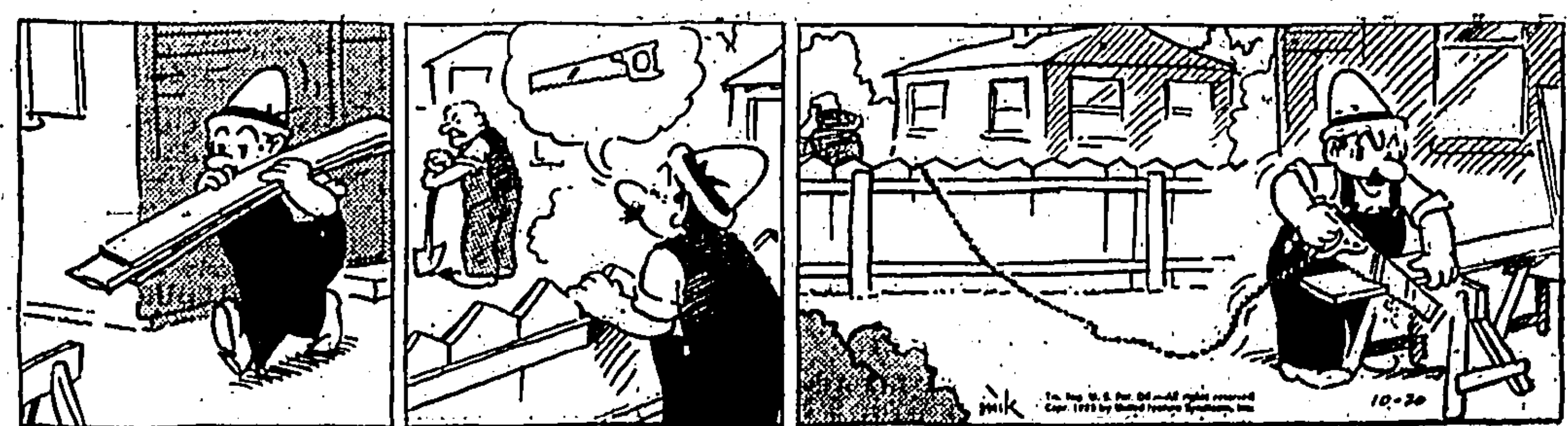
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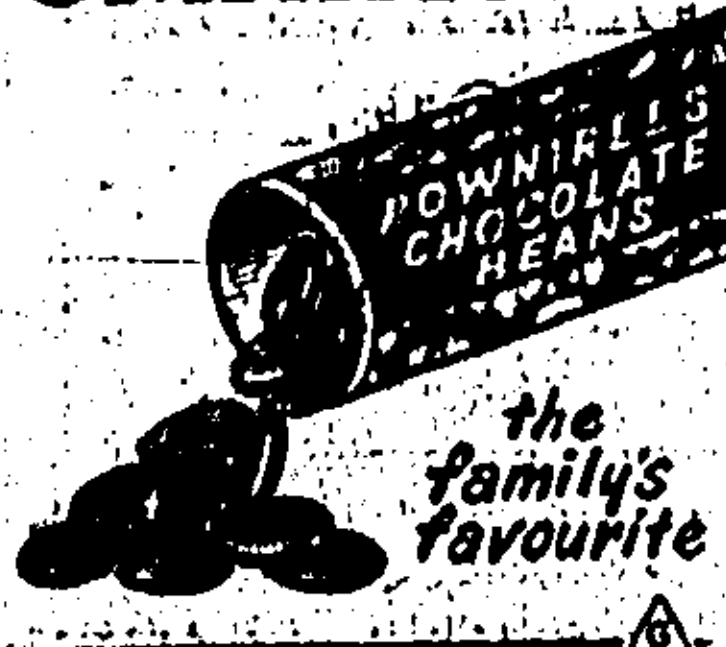


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Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface
Burma, India, 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.

By Surface
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.

By Air
China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m.
Formosa, 6 a.m.

By Surface
Japan, 6 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

By Air
India, Ceylon, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.

By Surface
Philippines, 11 a.m.
Japan, noon.
Indo-China, noon.

By Air
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. & Canada, 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. 10:45 a.m.

By Surface
Formosa, 1 p.m.

By Air
Japan, noon.
Indo-China, noon.

By Surface
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.

By Air
Japan, noon.
Indo-China, noon.

By Surface
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.

By Air
Japan, noon.
Indo-China, noon.

King Baudouin And The Everest Heroes



King Baudouin of the Belgians with the Mount Everest conquerors, Colonel Sir John Hunt (left) and Sir Edmund Hillary (right) who was with his wife, at a conference given in their honour at the Arts Palace in Brussels.—Express Photo.

Agricultural & General Resources Cannot Support India In 1969

Jordan Armistice Commission

Amman, Dec. 7. The Jordan Armistice Commission today raised a protest with the Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Observers against "sporadic shooting" by Jewish guards in Jerusalem on the Arab quarter of the town. It was announced here today. The announcement added that there were no casualties as a result of the shooting. — France-Press.

JAPANESE GATT WEAPON

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The Government today submitted a dual tariff bill to the next session of the Diet. Parliamentary Vice Foreign Minister Akira Otaki said on Monday in reply to a question by Mr. Yoshio Nakami, Progressive, in the Lower House Foreign Affairs Committee, according to Japanese press reports today. Mr. Otaki made it clear that the Government wants to enforce dual tariff early next year if possible. He said dual tariff will prove to be a powerful weapon for Japan with regard to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.—Reuter.

British Empire Society For Blind

London, Dec. 7. Tapping out his pipe, the Chairman turned his head to meet a questioner. His eyelids flickered slightly, but the expression in the clear eyes remained unchanged. He was blind.

None could know his subject more completely than he. For John Wilson, a director and secretary, was doubly qualified to discuss the report of the British Empire Society for the Blind. He told the story of "river blindness" in East and West Africa. It is a disease of the simuliid fly—an insect which prefers the darker hues. Mr. Wilson described the habits of the fly: its breeding grounds in rivers, the injection of a parasite worm under the human skin; the worm's journey to the corner of the eye to seek light; the eye's destruction. He outlined the work of the Empire Society during its three-year existence.

FIELD UNITS
The Society's field units have controlled "fly spots" in East Africa, he said. In the Kodere Valley in Kenya, known locally as "the valley of the blind," they used insecticides to cleanse the rivers of flies. And "river blindness" in children dropped from 37 to one per cent.

But Mr. Wilson pointed out, the West African fly is a tougher proposition. It comes from a different branch of the simuliid family to that of the East African species. Its breeding grounds are spread over a network of streams, which complicates elimination. There is no doubt, however, that the fly will eventually be eliminated. Meanwhile, the Society's curative teams move from village to village and to tiny settlements with good effect. Mr. Wilson's history of the work of the Empire Society is

New Delhi, Dec. 7. The agricultural and general economic resources of India cannot support a population of more than 450,000,000, a figure which is likely to be reached by 1969, according to the Census Report for 1951 which has just been published.

The Report said that urgent steps must be taken to stabilise the population around this figure within the next 15 years through a national programme of family planning or millions would die from famine and pestilence.

Meanwhile, every effort must be made to increase the present level of annual food production of 70,000,000 tons to 94,000,000 tons by the target date of 1960. An increase of this order alone would be necessary to sustain a population of 450,000,000 at existing consumption levels.

Industrialisation, according to the author of the Report, Mr. R. A. Gopalaswami, Registrar-General and Census Commissioner in 1951, does not afford a solution to the population problem, except indirectly, to a limited extent, as it provided the materials needed for the development of agricultural productivity.

The food exporting countries of the world were likely to increase their agricultural productivity faster than their own rate of growth of population. Nor would they be expected to

produce increasing surpluses to match increasing deficits in India and Europe. Hence, any attempt to plan in terms of exporting manufactured goods in exchange for food from abroad would be disastrous.

REGULATE RATE
If no attempt was made, to check population growth, and assuming, a very conservative assumption, that the population continued to increase at the same rate as during the period 1921-51, the number would rise from 360,000,000 in 1951 to 410,000,000 in 1961, 460,000,000 in 1971 and 520,000,000 in 1981.

The problem, said the Report, was to regulate this rate of population expansion so as to achieve stability at about 450,000,000. The target should be within the next 15 years to persuade Indian parents not to have more than three and preferably two children on a national average.

Population control was one aspect of the problem. The other was to increase food production. The Report stated that in 1951 food production was about 70,000,000 tons, about 5,000,000 short of the actual requirements. On the basis of existing levels of consumption, internal food production would require 85,000,000 tons by 1961 to feed a population of 410,000,000, 90,000,000 tons in 1971 to feed a population of 460,000,000 and 100,000,000 tons in 1981 to feed 520,000,000, assuming that the population is allowed to grow unchecked.

FAMILIAR CONTROL
But the rate of development of agricultural productivity of this order was not possible, taking into account the need to grow more cotton and other non-food crops as well.

The Report suggested that the country could not expect to produce more than an additional 24,000,000 tons of food annually. Such an increase, added to existing production of 70,000,000 tons could sustain a population of not more than 450,000,000.

Population control, it was stressed, was not only necessary, but unlikely to come about quickly without the Government taking some steps to bring it about. The aim should be to limit the number of births so that they did not materially exceed the number of deaths and thus achieve a substantially stationary population before it reached 450,000,000.

"The task before the nation is firstly to bring about such a change in public opinion that every married couple will accept it as their duty that they should avoid 'improvident maternity'." It said.

The Report suggested that for bringing this about an organization will have to be created. It should have a sufficient number of workers who will have friendly access to all mothers in the country. For this purpose, the function of birth control propaganda must be a subsidiary activity of an organization whose main function should embrace the whole field of material and child welfare.—China Mail Special.

Shai Making Textile Machinery Parts
Tokyo, Dec. 7. Communist China revealed today that replacement parts for textile machines are being built in Shanghai to rehabilitate war-damaged North Korean factories. Radio Peking said that 40 textile weaving accessories were sent to North Korea earlier and that more were on the way. In recent weeks China has sent engineers to rebuild war-damaged and lost granaries in a 10-year economic pact.—United Press.

EXCESSIVE BEARISHNESS
Markets' Rallying Cannot Be Trusted Too Far

By Sydney S. Campoll, Reuter's Financial Editor

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 8. Stocks lost a little in a quiet session today as traders paused to take stock of the market after its two-week advance.

Profit-taking was in order after the rise which bolstered total market valuation of stock some \$2,000,000,000 in two weeks.

Tax-selling was said to be a factor also.

Failure of pressure to develop and the light volume on the decline were seen as favourable factors today. Sales amounted to 1,410,000 shares, compared with 1,300,000 on Friday.

An active opening, with prices firm, bolstered the total. American Telephone was the day's most active stock, thanks to a 5,700-share block. It dipped to \$157 1/2.

Several special items did very well, particularly Western Pacific which responded to Supreme Court refusal to reconsider the suit against it by a holding company that once was its owner. The common share ran up 4 1/2 points, the preferred, 4 points.

Of the 1,109 issues traded today, 507 closed lower, 355 higher.

Steels moved narrowly. The New York Stock Exchange volume was at \$3,182,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was at 440,000 shares.

The Dow Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials	232.71	Dec. 7
20 Rails	98.21	97.95
15 Utilities	107.85	107.41
40 Bonds	97.03	97.03
Comm. future price	102.25	102.37
Index		—United Press.

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 7. The market eased a bit today. Closing prices:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Dec. 69 1/2-69 1/2
Jan. 69 1/2-69 1/2	
Feb. 69 1/2-69 1/2	
Mar. 69 1/2-69 1/2	
Apr. 69 1/2-69 1/2	
May 69 1/2-69 1/2	
June 69 1/2-69 1/2	
Blanket crepe	50 1/2-51 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	52 1/2-53 1/2

—United Press.

LONDON MARKET

The rubber market was steady with No. 1 RSS spot quoted at 17 1/2 pence per lb. Prices:

Settlement house term	17 1/2-18
Jan. 17 1/2-18	
Feb. 17 1/2-18	
Mar. 17 1/2-18	
Apr. 17 1/2-18	
May 17 1/2-18	
June 17 1/2-18	
General markets, oil basis, ports:	
Dec. 17 1/2-18	
Jan. 17 1/2-18	
Feb. 17 1/2-18	
Mar. 17 1/2-18	
Apr. 17 1/2-18	
May 17 1/2-18	
June 17 1/2-18	
Estate crepe thick	unquoted
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—United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET

Rubber futures today closed 15 points higher with sales of 9 contracts.

Spot No. 1 RSS were quoted at 21 1/2 cents a pound. Prices of futures closed as follows:

Dec.	21.30b
March	21.50
May	21.50b
July	21.50
Sept.	21.50b
Dec.	21.50b

—United Press.

AMSTERDAM MARKET

The rubber market was steady. Prices closed today as follows (in guilders per kilogram):

No. 1 rubber Jan.	1.74 buyers
No. 2 rubber Jan.	1.74 buyers
No. 3 rubber Jan.	1.74 buyers
No. 1 crepe rubber Jan.	1.74 buyers

—United Press.

Volta River Project

Accra, Dec. 6. Dr. Arthur Morgan, 1st Chairman of the Volta River Project, said today that the project was feasible and well planned.

Compared with other projects he said the Volta plan might be an exceptionally low cost project for electric power.

The proposed scheme for the world's largest aluminium producer and the largest hydro-electric plant in Africa is to be handled jointly by the Ghana and British governments. Aluminium Limited of Canada and the British Aluminium Company—China Mail Special.

London, Dec. 7. The rallying tendency in several commodities and in most commodity indexes in the past month is a warning against excessive or premature bearishness. But it can hardly be trusted too far, particularly if the U.S. industrial slide continues. Several elements can be disentangled.

First, stocks which were run too low during the summer had to be rebuilt. This process may be approaching completion and few industrialists have confidence enough at present to go on building up stocks beyond the reasonable minimum working levels. Pipelines have to be kept filled but few people are disposed to overfill them.

Secondly, in Britain and some other countries, consumption had held unexpectedly high. But this may be only because Governmental and monetary policies have shown more tenderness to home consumption than can prudently be continued.

In Britain, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other high officials are plainly worried by the contrast between buoyant home consumption and stagnant exports. They do not admit that the home market has pulled many goods away from exports, but they are not disposed to slacken the reins still further for the home market, and they may have to tighten them. If there were serious unemployment, this attitude would alter.

There might be a safer procedure than it sounds, since Britain's balance of payments fares best in a slump. But that is only because savings and unemployment are associated with slumps in commodity prices.

Thirdly, impoundings into the U.S. loans and other hoards naturally tighten the markets concerned while the impoundings are in progress.

The U.S. supports exert a progressive upward pull on market prices as the immediate post-harvest pressure passes off.

But there will be of course a different story if any of the impounded hoards are released.

Copper can strengthen while Chile is accumulating her output; it might not do so when she sells her current output; it might weaken or break when she sells the accumulation unless the U.S. stockpile takes it without cutting its other takings.

Fourthly, the rally in commodity is partly associated with the rally in Wall Street after mid-September. To some extent, this was a justifiable rally; at its September lows Wall Street was discounting all or perhaps more than all of industrial recession that is foreseeable for some months ahead.

Another aspect seems much less justifiable.

DANGEROUSLY BUOYED
Wall Street and some other markets are dangerously buoyed by the inflationary aspects of Washington political surrenders (not only to the farmers) which could be disruptive. Some policies have long been described as literally ruinous. If and when they prove to be just that, even the statistically strong commodities such as cocoa and coffee might not go unscathed.

There is no statistical strength in a general industrial recession. Overshadowing all is the overhanging cliff of the U.S. surpluses.

While they last, covering, hand-to-mouth, buying and efforts to stand from under, can dominate markets regardless of their eventual justification.

Such attitudes always involve some danger of being squeezed short and of being squeezed, are in fact, official hoards are so overloaded that they might not dare to fix squeeze (tele).

On the contrary, where the law appears to force them to withhold supplies until they can extort a profit on the inordinate prices which they have themselves had to pay, they seem more inclined to stretch any possible point as to meet any demands they can find and to avoid squeezing the markets.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BONDS.
London, Dec. 7. Japanese bond prices were steady at the following rates:

10% (1954)	100 1/2
10% (1955)	100 1/2
10% (1956)	100 1/2
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10% (2026)	100 1/2
10% (2027)	100 1/2
10% (2028)	100 1/2
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10% (2030)	100 1/2
10% (2031)	100 1/2
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10% (2041)	100 1/2
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10% (2043)	100 1/2
10% (2044)	100 1/2
10% (2045)	100 1/2
10% (2046)	100 1/2
10% (2047)	100 1/2
10% (2048)	100 1/2
10% (2049)	100 1/2
10% (2050)	100 1/2

—United Press.

Exchange Rates
Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	15.50
British note (per £1)	15.50
Indian rupee (per 100)	22.40
Indo-China piastre (per 100)	1.77
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—United Press.

JAP SHIPYARDS SUBSIDISED

Tokyo, Dec. 8. The Transportation Ministry yesterday paid subsidies totalling about 110 million yen to shipyards which are constructing vessels under the latter half of the ninth shipbuilding programme, according to Japanese press reports today.

Payment was made for the first time since the temporary measures were worked out by the Ministry for reducing shipbuilding costs. The subsidies paid were for the month of November and each vessel under construction received about four million yen.

Subsidies will be paid monthly until the current building programme is over.—Reuter.

GRAINS IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 7. Prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2 red	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 2 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 3 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 4 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 5 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 6 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 7 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 8 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 9 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 10 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 11 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 12 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 13 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 14 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 15 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 16 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 17 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 18 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 19 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 20 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 21 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 22 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 23 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 24 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 25 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 26 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 27 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 28 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 29 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 30 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 31 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 32 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 33 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 34 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 35 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 36 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 37 white	20 1/2-20 3/4
Wheat, No. 38 white	20 1/2-20 3/4

